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To Preach Annual Missionary Sermon,

R. W. TODD.

W. B. WALTON, *Alternate.*

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in its Eleventh Annual Session, in the M. E. Church at New Castle, Del., March 19th, 1879.

The Conference was called to order at 9 o'clock, by the Presiding Bishop, M. Simpson.

The Bishop read the 61st chapter of Isaiah, and announced the 798th hymn. The Conference was then led in prayer by J. W. Pierson and J. L. Houston.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the last session, and 98 members answered to their names.

T. E. Martindale was re-elected Secretary, and Jno D. Rigg, D. C. Ridgway and E. H. Nelson were re-elected assistants.

Half-past eight A. M. and twelve M., were fixed as the hours for opening and adjourning the sessions, the first half hour being set apart for religious services.

The pews corresponding with the inner line of the third window were designated as the bar of the Conference.

The Presiding Elders were granted leave to retire to prepare the nominations for Standing Committees.

The Conference was authorized to draw on the "Chartered Fund" for thirty dollars. A draft for that amount was ordered.

The rules of the last session were adopted for the government of the present session.

The Presiding Elders were requested to nominate a Committee to collect subscriptions to the Conference Education Society.

Bishop Simpson greeted the Conference in an earnest address.

The Presiding Elders nominated the usual Standing Committees. (*See list.*)

Four Ministerial Stewards were elected, (*see Stewards,*) the Secretary casting the ballot.

Question 9th. "Who are the Superannuated preachers?" was taken up and disposed of. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

F. M. Chatham died peacefully, March 29th, 1878, at Berlin, Md.

Dr. A. S. Hunt, Secretary of the American Bible Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference in behalf of that great interest.

A paper relating to the financial condition of the Wesleyan Female College was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The Presiding Elders were requested to nominate a Committee on Ladies and Pastors' Christian Union, to whom sundry papers were referred. (*See Standing Committees.*)

Rev. R. C. Carter, of Ohio, under appointment as a Missionary to South India, was introduced.

A paper relating to Camp Meeting abuses was read and referred to a special committee. (*See List.*)

The Board of Stewards was granted leave to retire.

The Committee to arrange Anniversaries presented its report, which was accepted.

W. R. McFarlane was granted leave of absence.

Question 3rd, "Who remain on trial?" was taken up. Also, Question 6th, "Who are the Deacons of the second class?" (See *Disciplinary Questions*.)

E. N. Kirby was granted a location at his own request.

Question 8th, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was also disposed of. (See *Disciplinary Questions*.)

The case of John Allen was referred to a Committee on Conference Relations.

The relations of Alfred A. Fisher and Elon J. Way, were changed from Supernumerary to Superannuated. (See *Disciplinary Questions*.)

The death of Joshua Humphriss was announced as having taken place January 23d, at Salisbury, Md., and that of E. G. Irwin, March 12th, at Wilmington, Del.

Question 10th, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. (See *Disciplinary Questions*.)

The Presiding Elders of the various Districts presented their annual reports.

An afternoon session for the collection of Statistics was ordered.

The call of the Stewards was made the order of the day for to-morrow, at ten o'clock.

The time was extended to permit J. B. Mann to make a personal explanation in reference to the Sunday School Missionary collection of his church.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology and Benediction, by I. T. Cooper.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Statistical session of the Conference was called at 2 o'clock, H. Colclazer in the chair. Devotions were conducted by A. D. Davis.

The Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

The Committee on Finance and General Statistics made their call, and the brethren handed in their reports.

Conference adjourned with Doxology and Benediction, by W. B. Gregg.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 8½ o'clock, the devotions were in charge of R. W. Todd.

The Bishop took the chair at 9 o'clock.

The Roll of absentees was called.

The Journal was read and approved.

The report of the President of Wesleyan Female College was referred to the Committee on Education.

The examination of the character of effective Elders was resumed; the Bishop being requested to ask of each brother if all the collections have been taken this year.

R. E. Carter was admitted on trial, and elected to Deacon's and Elder's orders under the Missionary rule.

The Presiding Elders were appointed to distribute the Relief Fund.

Dr. McCaulley, President of Dickinson College; Rev. J. S. Willis, of New York East Conference; Rev. G. H. Adams, of Colorado Conference; Rev. A. C. Rose, of Troy Conference; Rev. J. H. White, of Delaware Conference; Prof. Skinner, of Conference Academy; and Mr. Pond, of "The Methodist," were introduced.

The Bishop announced the Committee on Conference Relations. (See *Special Committees*.)

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That all money raised in the name of the Missionary cause should be paid to the Missionary Society; and that any other application of it is a breach of trust.

At ten o'clock the Board of Stewards made their annual call, it being the order of the day.

Resolutions in regard to the Stewards' fund were adopted.

The report of the W. F. Missionary Society was read and referred to the Committee on that subject.

Dr. McCaulley, President of Dickinson College, addressed the Conference in the interests of that institution.

The Examination of the character of effective Elders was continued.

A preamble and resolutions in reference to Lay Delegation in the Annual Conference, were read and referred to a special committee. (See *Committees*.)

D. W. C. McIntire was granted a Supernumerary relation at his own request.

The Bishop presented the certificate of ordination of R. E. Carter.

The time was extended to permit Prof. R. H. Skinner, Principal of the Conference Academy, to represent that Institution.

John Hough propounded the following questions of law to the Bishops:—

1st. "Is the claim of a Superannuated Preacher subject to the will of the Annual Conference, as in the case of a Supernumerary?"

2d. "Or has an Annual Conference a right to cut off, entirely, the claim of a Superannuated Preacher when he makes a claim, even though the Estimating Committee appointed by the Quarterly Conference should report that no amount is necessary to assist him in a support?"

Answer of the Bishop.—"The Annual Conference has power to determine whether any claim shall be allowed, and if so, to decide the amount. It may do so, either directly or by the Stewards, or by a Committee, the final vote being with the Conference."

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology and Benediction, by Dr. J. H. McCaulley.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 8½ o'clock, devotions being led by C. F. Sheppard.

The Journal was read and approved.

The report of the Book Committee and the yearly Exhibit of the Book Concern were received and ordered to be filed.

The annual apportionment of the Episcopal Fund was referred to the Presiding Elders.

The report of the President of Drew Theological Seminary was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

A draft was ordered on the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund for \$180, in favor of the Board of Stewards.

A resolution calling for a Peninsular Temperance Convention was read and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Rev. D. H. Carroll, of the Baltimore Conference, and Rev. Dr. Spottswood, Pastor of the New Castle Presbyterian Church, were introduced.

The Board of Stewards reported a list of claimants to the Conference for action, as per resolution of yesterday, pending which the resolutions were re-considered and laid on the table, and the Stewards were granted leave to withdraw their report.

The report of the Board of Church Extension was read and referred to a special Committee. (*See Special Committee.*)

The cases of H. Sanderson and T. J. Williams were referred to the Committee on Conference relations.

The Conference recommended to the Book Concern that it cancel its claims against our deceased brother, E. G. Irwin.

J. B. Mann and R. W. Todd were appointed to take a collection for the benefit of his family.

A paper in reference to a new Preachers' Aid Society was read and referred to a special Committee. (*See list.*)

Question 4.—“Who are admitted into full connection?” was taken up. The usual questions were asked, and commented upon by the Bishop in an earnest address. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

Dover was unanimously chosen as the place for holding the next session of the Conference.

The Memorial service was arranged to be held between the hours of 10½ and 11½ on Monday morning.

Rev. T. K. Peterson, Revs. T. Harrison, E. Stubbs, L. D. McClintock, Jos. Gregg, of the Philadelphia Conference, and Dr. Buttz, of Drew Theological Seminary, were introduced to the Conference.

A collection for the benefit of sister Irwin was taken, amounting to \$103 00, and was paid to J. B. Mann to be conveyed to her.

The report of the Visiting Committee to Dickinson College was referred to the Committee on Education.

The time for the preaching of the Annual Missionary Sermon was fixed at 3 o'clock, on Monday next.

J. B. Quigg was added to the Committee on Conference Aid Society. The Bishop announced the Committee in regard to Lay Delegation. (*See Special Committees.*)

Prof. Buttz addressed the Conference in the interests of Drew Seminary. Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology and Benediction, by Prof. Buttz.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Conference met at 8½ o'clock; the religious services were conducted by J. E. Bryan. Bishop Simpson in the chair.

The Journal was read and approved.

The report of the Visiting Committee to Drew Seminary was referred to the Committee on Education.

Question 19th.—“Have any Local Preachers been ordained?” was taken up and disposed of. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

J. Hough, I. T. Cooper and Wm. P. Davis were appointed to nominate four Ministerial Trustees for the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy. (*See Conference Boards.*)

The Committee on Finance was instructed to pay to Mr. Knight, of the Book Concern, the Tract, Sunday School and Episcopal collections.

Reports of the President of “Centenary Biblical Institute” were referred to the Committees on Education and Freedmen's Aid Society.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Kynett, Secretary of Board of Church Extension; Rev. J. B. McCullough and John Thompson, of the Philadelphia Conference; Rev. Dr. Fuller, of the Methodist Advocate, Atlanta, Ga., and Rev. J. E. Round, President of the Centenary Biblical Institute, were introduced to the Conference.

The report of the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund was read and ordered to be filed.

Charles Hill was re-elected a trustee of this fund, and Alexander Kelly was elected in the place of W. M. Shakespeare, whose time has expired.

A series of resolutions organizing the Conference into a Preachers' Aid Society was read and adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

The Missionary Anniversary was fixed for Sunday evening.

Dr. Kynett addressed the Conference in the interest of the Church Extension Society, and J. M. Williams, President of the Wesleyan Female College, in the interest of that institution.

The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that John Allen be continued in his present relation, and that the relations of H. Sanderson and T. J. Williams be changed from Effective to Supernumerary. Their relations were so adjusted.

The report of the committee on Camp-Meeting abuses was presented and after discussion was laid over until Monday morning.

The time was extended.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented and the monies disposed of. (*See Resolutions.*)

The Stewards made their annual report which was adopted, and their monies distributed. (*See Stewards' Report.*)

The Board of Stewards, J. B. Quigg and John F. Williamson were elected Trustees of the Preachers' Aid Society. They were instructed to take such legal steps as are necessary to carry out the provisions of the Constitution.

The Committee on the Bible Cause made their report, which was adopted.—(*See Reports.*)

Four Ministerial Trustees were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Conference Academy. (*See Conference Boards.*)

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with Doxology and Benediction, by N. M. Browne.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Conference met at 8½ o'clock.

The prayer meeting was in charge of Wm. H. Hutchin. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair, introducing Bishop Merrill to the Conference.

The Journal was read and approved.

The Bishop's certificate of Ordination was presented and filed.

The list of Examining Committees was read and confirmed. (*See Committees.*)

Question 2nd, “Who are admitted on trial?” was taken up, and disposed of. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

Rev. Dr. Hanlon, President of Pennington Seminary, Rev. A. Wallace, editor “Ocean Grove Record,” and Rev. Mr. Stewart, of the Northern N. Y. Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Bishop Merrill then took the chair.

Debate on the Camp-meeting resolutions was resumed. The report was taken up *seriatim*. The 1st, 2d, 4th and 5th resolutions were adopted by a rising vote. The 3rd resolution was amended, the yeas and nays were called for upon it, and it was adopted by the following vote:—Yeas, 99—Nays, none. The report was then adopted as a whole.

The report of the Committee on Freedman's Aid Society was read, and while pending, Dr. Fuller addressed the Conference on the general subject, after which it was adopted. (*See Reports.*)

It was resolved that when we adjourn it shall be to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Memorial Service was postponed till the opening of the afternoon session. The time was extended.

The report of the Committee on Education was read, and the parts relating to Dickinson College, Wesleyan Female College, Drew Seminary and Centenary Biblical Institute were adopted. Pending the consideration of that part referring to Wilmington Conference Academy, the President of the Board of Trustees of that Institution presented his annual report, which, with other documents, was accepted and filed. The report was amended and finally adopted as a whole.

C. F. Sheppard and J. B. Quigg were re-elected Trustees of the Wesleyan Female College.

The P. Elders were instructed to apportion among the charges \$500 for General Conference expenses. (*See Apportionments.*)

The Tract report was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

Resolutions in reference to the indebtedness on Millington M. E. Church were adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

The Special Committee to whom was referred the matter of a Church Extension Loan Fund, reported that they did not deem it advisable to establish it. The report was adopted, and the clause relating to it was stricken from the original report. (*See Reports.*)

A collection was taken for T. J. Williams, amounting to \$84.60.

Revs. S. W. Thomas and J. F. Crouch, of the Philadelphia Conference, were introduced.

Notices were given, the Doxology sung and Conference adjourned with Benediction, by T. H. Haynes.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The Conference opened at 2 o'clock.

H. Colclazer in the chair.

Rev. J. F. Crouch, of the Philadelphia Conference, conducted the worship.

The Journal was read and approved.

The time having arrived for the holding of the Memorial Service, W. H. Hutchin read the Obituary of Rev. F. M. Chatham. After singing, appropriate remarks were made by Bros. Hunter, Prettyman and Ayres. The members of the Philadelphia Conference present were invited to take part in the service.

The Memoir of "Father" Joshua Humphriss was read by the Secretary. Addresses were made by I. T. Cooper, G. Barton, H. Sanderson, T. W. Simpser, J. F. Crouch. J. B. Mann then read the Memoir of Rev. E. G. Irwin, and was followed by T. S. Williams, I. T. Cooper, A. Wallace, V. Smith, C. F. Sheppard, and J. E. Bryan. The memoir of Mrs. Annie McIntire, wife of Rev. D. C. McIntire, was read, and remarks were made by I. T. Cooper. The papers were adopted.

The order of the day, namely, the preaching of the Missionary sermon, was taken up. L. C. Matlack read the 919th hymn, and led in prayer. Rev. A. W. Milby then delivered the annual missionary sermon, announcing as his text—Psalm 67, 1 and 2 verses, "God be merciful to us, and bless us; that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations."

Bishop Simpson resumed the chair.

The reports of the Committees on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Sunday Schools and Ladies and Pastors' Christian Union were read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

Resolutions complimentary to Bishop Simpson were read, and unanimously adopted by a rising vote. (*See Resolutions.*)

R. W. Todd and C. F. Sheppard were appointed to prepare resolutions of thanks.

The Committee on lay delegation in the Annual Conferences made their report which was laid over for consideration until the next session.

It was resolved to hold a session, commencing at 7½ o'clock, this evening.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with Doxology and Benediction by J. B. Quigg.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY EVENING.

The Conference met at 7½ o'clock.

Bishop Simpson in the chair.

The devotions were led by V. Smith.

The Journal was read and approved.

The report of the Conference Education Society was read, accepted and filed.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

A committee was appointed to arrange for holding a Temperance Convention. (*See Special Committees.*)

The officers of the Conference Education Society were re-elected. (*See Officers.*)

Resolutions in reference to the transfer of G. R. Bristor were adopted by a rising vote. (*See Resolutions.*) He responded in a fitting address.

The Triers of Appeals were nominated and elected. (*See Special Committees.*)

The Statistical Secretary made his report, which was accepted. (*See General Statistics.*)

A resolution in favor of holding a Statistical session at the next Conference was adopted. (*See Resolution.*)

J. France was elected to fill a vacancy in the Board of Trustees of the Riddle Fund.

Julius Dodd and J. Morris Lindale were admitted on trial.

A paper asking for the appointment of a committee on Ministerial Qualifications was read and adopted, and the committee appointed. (*See Resolutions and Special Committees.*)

Various resolutions of thanks were read and adopted by a rising vote.

The following Minute was adopted:

WHEREAS—The guidance of the great head of the Church and His gracious presence have been felt throughout the session; we do, therefore, in sincerity of heart, desire to record our gratitude to Him for the harmony that has prevailed, the fellowship that has been enjoyed, and for every good and perfect gift so richly bestowed.

A Committee was appointed to secure reduction of railroad fare for the next session. (*See Special Committees.*)

A Committee was also appointed on Anniversaries for 1880. (*See Special Committees.*)

They were also instructed to arrange for the administration of the Lord's Supper.

The minutes were read up preparatory to adjournment.

A hymn was sung and prayer offered by R. W. Todd.

The Bishop announced the transfer of G. R. Bristor from this Conference to the Louisiana Conference, to be stationed at Amis Church, New Orleans. Also the transfer of G. S. Gassner from the Illinois to this Conference.

After an appropriate address the Bishop read the appointments. (*See List of Appointments.*)

The Conference adjourned *sine die* with Doxology and Benediction by Bishop Simpson.

T. E. MARTINDALE, Secretary.

PLANS OF EXAMINATION

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission?*
G. S. Gassner, from the Illinois Conference.
2. *Who are admitted on trial?*
*Robert E. Carter. Olin S. Walton, Charles A. Grice, Alfred Smith, J. Morris Lindale, Julius Dodd.
3. *Who remain on trial?*
J. Heston Willey, Ed. L. Hubbard, Charles A. Hill, W. S. Robinson, Robert K. Stephenson.
4. *Who are admitted into full connection?*
W. W. W. Wilson, W. E. Avery, Lewis C. Andrew, Edwin C. Atkins.
5. *Who are the Deacons of the first class?*
W. W. W. Wilson, W. E. Avery, Lewis C. Andrew, Edwin C. Atkins.
6. *Who are the Deacons of the second class?*
G. W. Townsend, J. E. Mowbray, J. McK. Brewington, T. A. H. O'Brien, E. C. Macnichol, W. L. P. Bowen, L. E. Barrett, W. F. Corkran, J. M. Collins, E. L. Hoffecker, T. E. Terry, Albert Chandler.
7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders?*
None.
8. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
J. Hubbard, I. T. Cooper, G. Barton, J. Esgate, J. L. Taft, E. Miller, W. Merrill, D. W. C. McIntire, J. Allen, H. Sanderson, T. J. Williams.
9. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*
J. L. Houston, W. Urie, A. A. Fisher, E. J. Way.
10. *Was the character of each Preacher examined?*
It was.
11. *Have any located?*
E. N. Kirby.
12. *Have any withdrawn?*
None.
13. *Have any been transferred? and to what Conference?*
George R. Bristol, to the Louisiana Conference.

*R. E. Carter was ordained Deacon and Elder under the Missionary Rule, and transferred to the S. India Conference.

14. *Have any been expelled?*
None.
15. *Have any died?*
F. M. Chatham, Joshua Humphriss, E. G. Irwin.
16. *What is the Statistical Report?*
(See Statistical Report.)
17. *What are the claims upon the Conference Funds?*
(See Steward's Report.)
18. *What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been appropriated?*
(See Steward's Report.)
19. *Have any Local Preachers been ordained?*
James T. Scott, William Taylor, Jabez Hodson, J. Heston Willey, Alfred Smith, Wm. S. Robinson, Ed. L. Hubbard, Wm. J. Tindal.
20. *Are any of our Theological or Literary Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?*
Drew Theological Seminary, Dickinson and Wesleyan Female Colleges, and the Wilmington Conference Academy.
21. *Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?*
(See Officers of Conference Societies.)
22. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*
(See list of appointments.)
23. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*
At Dover, Delaware. Time to be fixed by the Bishops.

APPOINTMENTS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

L. C. MATLACK, P. E.

Wilmington, Asbury.....	<i>J. A. B. Wilson.</i>
" St. Pauls.....	<i>J. H. Caldwell.</i>
" Union.....	<i>J. B. Mann.</i>
" Scott.....	<i>C. M. Pegg.</i>
" Grace.....	<i>W. J. Stevenson.</i>
" Epworth.....	<i>W. S. Robinson.</i>
" Brandywine.....	<i>E. E. White.</i>
Mt Salem.....	<i>C. F. Sheppard.</i>
Newport and Stanton.....	<i>J. D. Rigg.</i>
Chester.....	<i>W. B. Gregg.</i>
Mt. Lebanon.....	<i>W. E. Avery.</i>
Mt. Pleasant.....	<i>J. W. Pierson.</i>
Claymont.....	<i>To be supplied.</i>
New Castle.....	<i>D. C. Ridgway.</i>
Red Lion, Kirkwood and Glasgow.....	<i>L. E. Barrett.</i>
Christiana.....	<i>E. Davis.</i>
St. George's and Summit.....	<i>J. O. Sypherd.</i>
Delaware City.....	<i>B. F. Price.</i>
Bethel.....	<i>L. W. Layfield.</i>
Chesapeake City.....	<i>J. D. Kemp.</i>
Newark and Wesley.....	<i>John France.</i>
Cherry Hill.....	<i>T. B. Hunter.</i>
Elkton.....	<i>Vaughan Smith.</i>
North East.....	<i>W. L. S. Murray.</i>
Elk Neck.....	<i>N. McQuay.</i>
Port Deposit.....	<i>N. M. Browne.</i>
Rising Sun.....	<i>T. B. Killiam.</i>
Zion.....	<i>A. D. Davis.</i>
Chartestown.....	<i>E. H. Macnichol.</i>
J. M. Williams, President of Wesleyan Female College, and a member of Grace Quarterly Conference.	
A. T. Scott, Professor in Wesleyan Female College, and a member of Asbury Quarterly Conference.	

EASTON DISTRICT.

CHARLES HILL, P. E.

Smyrna.....	<i>T. H. Haynes.</i>
Smyrna Circuit.....	<i>P. H. Rawlins.</i>
Townsend.....	<i>J. H. Willey.</i>
Appoquinimink.....	<i>J. Shilling.</i>

Middletown.....	<i>T. E. Martindale.</i>
Odessa.....	<i>W. H. Hutchin.</i>
Cecilton.....	<i>E. P. Aldred.</i>
Galena.....	<i>J. E. Bryan.</i>
Millington.....	<i>W. J. O'Neill.</i>
Still Pond.....	<i>J. B. Merritt.</i>
Masseys.....	<i>To be supplied.</i>
Chestertown.....	<i>E. B. Newnam.</i>
Kent.....	<i>Isaac Jewell, J. M. Collins.</i>
Sudlersville.....	<i>J. T. Van Burkalow, O. S. Walton.</i>
Church Hill.....	<i>I. G. Fosnocht.</i>
Centerville.....	<i>C. W. Prettyman.</i>
Queenstown.....	<i>J. McK. Brewington.</i>
Kent Island.....	<i>G. W. Burke.</i>
Easton.....	<i>T. L. Tomkinson.</i>
St. Michael's.....	<i>R. H. Adams.</i>
Royal Oak.....	<i>T. E. Bell.</i>
Talbot.....	<i>E. L. Hoffecker.</i>
Trappe.....	<i>W. M. Warner.</i>
Hillsborough.....	<i>F. C. McSorley.</i>
Greensborough.....	<i>James A. Brindle.</i>
King's Creek.....	<i>E. H. Miller.</i>
Denton.....	<i>J. E. Smith, L. C. Andrew.</i>
Marydel.....	<i>W. R. McFarlane.</i>

DOVER DISTRICT.

*JOHN HOUGH, P. E.**

Dover.....	<i>W. P. Davis.</i>
Leipsic and Raymond.....	<i>I. N. Foreman.</i>
Camden.....	<i>H. S. Thompson, E. C. Atkins.</i>
Wyoming.....	<i>W. W. Redman.</i>
Felton.....	<i>Joseph Robinson.</i>
Frederica.....	<i>J. E. Mowbray.</i>
Barrett's and Milford Neck.....	<i>W. F. Corkran.</i>
Milford.....	<i>J. B. Quigg.</i>
Harrington.....	<i>A. W. Milby, C. A. Grice.</i>
Lincoln.....	<i>G. S. Conaway.</i>
Ellendale.....	<i>G. S. Gassner.</i>
Georgetown.....	<i>J. W. Hammersley.</i>
Milton.....	<i>R. W. Todd.</i>
Lewes.....	<i>W. E. England.</i>
Millsborough.....	<i>V. Gray, one to be supplied.</i>
Bridgeville.....	<i>R. C. Fones, J. M. Lindale.</i>
Seaford.....	<i>H. Colclazer.</i>
Federalburg.....	<i>W. B. Walton, Julius Dodd.</i>
Galestown.....	<i>James Carroll.</i>
Dorchester.....	<i>J. E. Kidney, A. Smith.</i>
Cambridge.....	<i>J. P. Otis.</i>
Beckwith and Spedden's.....	<i>T. E. Terry.</i>
Church Creek.....	<i>E. L. Hubbard.</i>
Woodlandtown.....	<i>To be supplied.</i>
Hooper's Island.....	<i>To be supplied.</i>

ANNUAL MINUTES OF THE
SALISBURY DISTRICT.

T. S. WILLIAMS. P. E.*

Salisbury.....	G. W. Townsend.
Fruitland.....	W. L. P. Bowen.
Delmar.....	S. T. Gardner.
Laural.....	G. A. Phæbus.
Lewisville.....	W. M. Green.
Parsonsburg.....	Albert Chandler.
Gumborough.....	E. H. Hynson.
Frankford.....	E. H. Nelson.
Roxanna.....	J. Dare.
Berlin.....	G. W. Wilcox.
Snow Hill.....	W. W. W. Wilson.
Chincoteague.....	T. A. H. O'Brien.
Pocomoke City.....	R. Roe.
Stockton.....	T. J. Prettyman.
Accomac.....	W. J. Duhadway.
Crisfield.....	A. Stengle.
Annamesssex.....	J. A. Arters, R. K. Stephenson.
Asbury.....	T. O. Ayers.
Fairmount.....	W. I. Bain.
Princess Anne.....	W. F. Talbot, C. A. Hill.
Deal's Island.....	T. R. Creamer.
Holland's Island.....	J. W. Poole.
Quantico.....	J. Conner.
Sharptown.....	T. H. Harding.

* Just as we go to Press, we receive the sad intelligence of the death of Rev. J. Hough and Rev. T. J. Williams. Rest in peace, dear brothers.

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

DEAR BRETHREN :—We have endeavored to do the duties imposed upon the Presiding Elder's office. We have attended all the Quarterly meetings of the year, and have also held two District Conferences. The last District Conference was held in Asbury Church, Wilmington, December 5, 1878.

Very much embarrassment has been felt respecting the enforcement of the rule requiring the Local Preachers to pass an annual examination. Notice was given at the June meeting, that no Local Preacher's license would be renewed without an examination; and that no Local Preacher or Exhorter's license would be renewed, unless they made a report in person, or by writing, respecting the work done during the year. Although the District Conference did not adhere rigidly to its resolution, yet reports were very generally made, and two-thirds of the Local Preachers passed a satisfactory examination. We believe the District Conference is stimulating the licentiates of the District to efforts for improvement.

The Churches generally are in very hearty accord with the beneficent enterprises commended in the Discipline to their support. The collections have been taken, and will be fully up to the average of more prosperous years.

Although the year has not been noted for revivals, yet the spiritual condition of the District is good, and the activity of the Pastors and Churches has never been excelled. We believe that the year's work will be fruitful in permanent results for good, if they are not very large.

Two Churches have been built and dedicated to the service of God, and one of them, Mt. Salem, a very beautiful edifice, has been destroyed by fire. We are gratified, however, by the spirit displayed by the people, and we are sure that in six months, or less, we will see another as beautiful, and, perhaps, even more commodious, ornamenting the same site. A great deal of credit is due Rev. C. F. Sheppard, the Pastor, for his untiring attention and efforts in the arduous work he has had in hand. He has addressed himself to the task of rebuilding with the same devotion, and we have no doubt it will be with the same success.

The Delaware City Church, commenced under the ministry of T. S. Williams, has been finished and dedicated to God. Rev. B. F. Price has given constant attention and efforts to the work. The house is a great improvement upon the old structure, and has already opened a new page of progress and prosperity in the history of Delaware City Methodism, not possible to the retired locality and limited dimensions which cramped our Church in the past.

Summit Church, built under the ministry of Rev. G. R. Bristol, three years ago, was not dedicated on account of legal difficulties with the contractor. During the present year, under the direction of Rev. John France, it has been finished and dedicated to its use.

St. John's Church, on Zion Circuit, which was erected several years ago, was also finished and dedicated this year. It is a very commodious Church and now has a very beautiful audience room. J. O. Sypherd deserves all credit for the result.

The Church in which the Conference meets has been refitted and refurnished at considerable cost, and reflects credit upon the active, energetic spirit of the Pastor and liberality of the people.

Indifference on the part of Trustees and other official members, makes it

almost impossible to secure a perfect adjustment of Church property question. In some instances defective titles affect our rights and interests, unfavorably, in our Parsonages and Churches too. We have constantly sought to ascertain the facts and to secure such corrections as were needed and possible, but have been defeated, in some instances, by the want of interest on the part of those whose duty it was to act in the case.

The Pastors of the District are giving attention to the rules respecting "the instruction of children." Sunday Schools are organized wherever ten or more children can be gathered together, and in no department of Church effort is the work more earnestly done. The Berean Lessons are generally used, and the Catechism is not entirely neglected. In some places it is used systematically, steadily, and with great success. Classes for the religious instruction of children, are not always practicable, but where they are, we have urged these organizations.

We are under no necessity to report any Traveling Preacher to this Conference for neglect to observe our rules in this respect; and yet, we think that in some instances a little more might be done to the profit of Pastors, as well as the children of the Church.

We have tried to see that every part of our excellent Discipline is enforced, and we are more and more persuaded that the harmony and prosperity of the Church is more certainly secured, by those methods of government and work which accord with the strict construction of disciplinary regulations.

We have a Church Lyceum at Elkton, and I think it has shown the wisdom of the directions of the Discipline in this particular. It has met monthly and has been positively conducive to mental improvement; has developed facilities for social intercourse, and in many ways, interested and profited the large company regularly in attendance.

Wesleyan Female College, located at Wilmington, within the bounds of this District, has been placed in a critical condition by the pressure of the times, and some mismanagement, chargeable to the former President, and for which the Trustees are not without responsibility. We append the usual report required by the Discipline.

Our Pastors have not neglected the circulation of our periodicals. *The Christian Advocate*, especially, is generally circulated and read. We presume the exact facts in this matter will make a very good showing.

We have not recently advanced in ministerial support. A few of the charges have reduced their salaries, meagre enough at best, but by the reduction, in some cases, made absolutely insufficient. We have done what we could to encourage the Churches to maintain their salaries and deal generously with the preachers, and a very praiseworthy spirit is shown by some of the Churches in the midst of very great difficulties.

The cause of Temperance enlists the hearty support of our Pastors, and not a few of our people; yet, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact, that the iniquitous traffic in ardent spirits does receive the countenance of people who are members of our Church. We believe that, especially in the State of Delaware, we are more responsible for the continuance of this most wicked traffic than any other people. Our united voice, as citizens of the Diamond State, would suffice to annihilate this wrong within six months. Perhaps our people do not see their duty, and it is a question how we are to make them see and feel as they ought, in view of their great responsibility. Our Church, by her Discipline, and by the resolutions of the Annual and General Conferences, has taken the highest ground, and committed us to decided action, in every possible way, for the triumph of the Temperance cause.

Our brethren have, generally, been favored with health and strength. No changes have been necessary since last Conference, in the arrangement of the work, on this or any other account.

Rev. Joshua Humphriss, a superannuated member of our Conference, who was invited to preach his semi-centennial sermon, at this session, departed this

life, at Salisbury, Md., January 23, 1879, and thus he realized the expectation expressed on the Conference floor, a year ago; "Why, brethren, I expect to be in heaven before that time."

Rev. E. G. Irwin, who, on account of impaired health, took a supernumerary relation at the last Conference, died, Wednesday, March 12th, in great peace.

I finish my term as Presiding Elder of Wilmington District at this Conference, and in parting with my brethren, ministers and laymen, I desire to express my many obligations to them for their sympathy and support. I think I can say, that I have given my best endeavors to serve the Church in my office, and I congratulate myself very much on the receipt of many kind expressions of approval and esteem.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. QUIGG.

EASTON DISTRICT.

DEAR BRETHREN:—In making to the Conference my third annual report of the condition of the work on Easton District, I acknowledge, with feelings of the profoundest gratitude, the loving kindness and the multitude of tender mercies of Almighty God.—My health has been preserved to such a degree that, during the year, I have lost but one Sabbath from my work; My *whole* time and best energies have been given to the District, in laboring to the utmost of my ability for the building up, and sustaining, the cause of Christ within our bounds.

The hand of affliction has been laid upon Rev. T. J. Williams, and Rev. J. Shilling, both of whom, have suffered severely.

Rev. William Urie, who entered the Philadelphia Conference in 1832, now an honored member of this Conference, has for the past two years been greatly prostrated by disease;—he still lingers upon the shores of time, and though in much bodily weakness he is strong in the Lord, and joyful in the God of his salvation.

With these exceptions, the health of the Preachers and that of their families, has continued good. They have been faithful in their work and have labored earnestly to advance the cause of God in every department of the vineyard.

Rev. F. M. Chatham, a superannuated member of the Conference, who for two years had been greatly wrecked, both in body and mind, by disease, sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, on the 29th of May, at the home of his mother, near Berlin, Maryland. He rests in the hope of a glorious resurrection. An appropriate memoir has been prepared, and will be read at the Memorial Service.

There have been six Camp meetings held on the District. I am not prepared to say that any of them have resulted in permanent advantage to the Church. The brethren, in charge of these several meetings, however, have started, I think, a healthy reform; setting themselves against certain abuses which have prevailed of late years, to such an extent as to injure the spiritual interests of the meeting.

During the fall and winter, the Ministers, without exception, have been engaged in holding extra meetings; continuing in some charges, without intermission, from three to five months. Success has crowned these labors, resulting in the conversion of sinners and in the building up of the Church generally. Some charges have been especially favored. At a tent meeting held in St. Michaels, under the pastorate of Rev. R. H. Adams, in August last, over one hundred were converted, ninety-nine of whom joined the Church on probation, and eighty of this number were received into full connection, on the evening of the last Sabbath in February.

Talbot, Church Hill, Galena and Cecilton Circuits, have been greatly revived, and many, as the result, have been born into the "Kingdom and patience of Jesus."

The Church in every part of the District, and in every department of the

work, has realized most sensibly the scarcity of money, yet, we think, she has made some advancement, notwithstanding.

The Church at Odessa has been taken through a thorough repair, at a cost of \$1250, all of which has been provided for, except a small balance: it now presents a model of neatness.

At Templeville, Maryland Circuit, Rev. R. McFarlane, Pastor, the old Church erected in 1825 has given place to a beautiful frame building, 34 by 42 feet, built in modern style, handsomely finished and furnished at a cost of \$1800. It was dedicated October 13, at which time the entire cost of building and furniture was secured by cash and reliable subscriptions. For the success of this enterprise we are largely indebted to the efforts of Brother C. W. Smith and Dr. Knott.

On Galena Circuit, the Churches at Galena and Sassafras have been put in a good condition of repairs, and the cost in both instances has been covered.

At Centreville, the lecture room of the Church has been beautified with paint and carpet, and seated with chairs. The cost of the entire indebtedness (including that of a new organ) amounted to \$425 which was more than covered (by cash in hand) on the day of the re-opening. They have now one of the handsomest Sunday School rooms in the Conference.

Preliminary arrangements are being made to cancel a debt resting on the Church at Denton, and to put it in thorough repair. At Bloomery, on the Circuit, a new roof and sundry improvements, at a cost of \$250 have been made and provided for.

A debt of \$300 resting on the Church at Kenton, and to which I made reference in my last report, has been canceled. The Church was dedicated on the 13th of September, by Bishop Scott. A debt of \$1000 resting on the parsonage has also been paid, and the Churches and Parsonage of Smyrna Circuit are now clear of debt; an end for which the Pastor Rev. P. H. Rawlins has faithfully labored.

The Church at Millington is still unfinished;—The basement was dedicated in 1872 by Bishop Andrews. Two thousand dollars would complete the building. One of our liberal minded laymen holds a claim against the house for \$3200, and has been carrying the interest on the same, for the last six years; yet, with this burden upon him, he stated to our Conference Board of Church Extension, some eighteen months ago, if they would give to the Church in Millington \$1000, the building *should be finished and dedicated* (with what might be raised at the dedication) *free of debt*. We felt that this was a rare opportunity; but alas! we had no such sum standing to our credit at the Parent Board, hence the opportunity was lost.—I presume the proposition would still hold! Will not some of our laymen who have means, regard this as an opportunity to do good and save a Church from embarrassment in this part of the Master's vineyard? The building in its present condition, indicates weakness; if it could be finished it would give strength and insure stability. I commend this Church to the liberality of the friends of Methodism, throughout our bounds: Any amount sent to the Pastor or to Thomas Mallalieu, Esq., would be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

Smyrna Station. The Parsonage has been greatly improved by a new front, paint, and pavement. The Sunday School room has been re-carpeted, and a new Organ introduced; the entire cost amounting to \$600 has been provided for by the Sunday School and Ladies' Mite Society.

The Parsonage at Kent Island has been made more desirable by paint, paper and furniture. These repairs, together with a new Organ furnished for the Church, cost \$246.80, all of which has been paid.

A new Parsonage is now being finished on Hillsboro Circuit, the precise financial condition of this enterprise, I am unable to report.

The Stewards of Talbot Circuit have purchased a Parsonage property, with two acres of ground attached, costing \$500. The last payment on the same will be made May 30th. The house has been comfortably furnished and is now occupied by the Pastor.

On Tilghman's Island (same circuit) arrangements are now in progress to

build a new Church; for this purpose \$500 cash, and a good reliable subscription of about \$350, are already in hand. The work will be commenced with the opening of the Spring.

At Easton a large and very handsome Parsonage has been erected. The main building 40 by 32 feet, is two and a half stories high, with a two story back building 24 by 16½. It is thoroughly and beautifully furnished, costing \$4000. It is one of the finest Parsonages in the Conference. The steeple of the Church was damaged by the fearful storm which swept the Atlantic coast, last October. The injury has been repaired at a cost of \$300. During the present pastorate, improvements to the amount of \$7000 have been made upon the Church and Parsonage; of this amount, \$6000 has been raised, leaving a balance of \$1000 which, I think, will be paid in a year or two. The Mite Society of the Church has assumed the payment of the interest on this sum, and the surplus of their collections will be used to diminish the principal. The Church in Easton is in a prosperous condition, and has the promise of a bright future.

A society of Methodist Protestants, numbering 23, worshipping in a school house in Corsica Neck, near Centreville, by a unanimous vote in October 1878, determined to sever their connection with the M. P. Church and to unite with the M. E. Church. They accordingly made application to Rev. C. W. Prettyman, were received into the M. E. Church, and are now under his Pastoral care. Initiatory steps have been taken for building a Church at that place.

Oh my second round, I asked the Quarterly Conference to appoint a committee to examine the Local Preachers in the course of study prescribed by the Bishops. These committees were appointed, making in each case, the Pastor, chairman; and in every instance, the candidates for the renewal of licenses have been required to pass a satisfactory examination as a condition of renewal.

The Quarterly Reports of the Leaders show, in many instances, an improvement on the part of the membership in their attendance upon class. In a few charges, the delinquency continues. In my visits I have sought to impress upon the minds of the Leaders, the necessity of visiting their delinquents, and in some instances have recommended that the class be divided into sections, and each section placed under the care of some faithful one for Pastoral supervision; wherever this suggestion has been acted upon, it has worked well.

While the Sunday School interest has been well sustained in many parts of the District, in others, the work in this department has not amounted to much, chiefly from the fact that the Schools in some of the Circuits are suspended during the winter. They are not re-organized until about the last of April or first of May. Just as they get into good working condition, the time for holding Camp Meetings comes. By the time the Camps are closed, the Schools are pretty well crippled and go into winter quarters.

On some Circuits, only about 3 months in the year are devoted to this important part of the work. We think this wrong, and have insisted that, inasmuch as the Sunday School is a part of the Church, it should be maintained without intermission from January to January.

The Preachers in charge have endeavored to carry out the provisions of the Discipline for support of Missions. While the brethren have attended to this and the other collections, and have tried to lay these several interests on the minds and consciences of the people, I fear, judging from the reports that I have received, that while some will reach their apportionment, others will fall behind. For a more minute report, I refer to the reports of the Pastors.

I fear that the periodicals of the Church are hardly receiving the attention that their importance demands. I find upon inquiry that there are within the bounds of the District 342 subscribers to the *Christian Advocate*, or about one copy for every 19 members. Supposing every *Advocate* to be read by 4 members, I am startled by the thought that 15 out of every 19 members of the Church on my District, are without the Church Organ. Is not one of the reasons why so large a number fall away from their first love, to be found in this almost general want of

religious literature, and a consequent failure to understand the workings of the Church?

Last year we reported for Easton District 5779 members and 1571 probationers. This year we report 6379 members and 1084 probationers, an aggregate gain of 113.

As we look over the past year, as we think of its joys and sorrows, of its labors and successes, as we think of what God has wrought in our midst, we feel to say with a full heart, "Now unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Respectfully Submitted,

CHARLES HILL.

DOVER DISTRICT.

I take great pleasure in recording *here* my profound gratitude to God, (the great head of the church,) for his abundant mercy, kind providence, and gracious success which has been vouchsafed to the Ministers and people of Dover District.

During the past year, the lives and health of the Preachers have been graciously preserved; and *that* also of their families, except in a very few instances.

Sister McIntyre, the wife of the Rev. D. W. C. McIntyre, after months of feebleness and languishing under the wasting power of consumption, departed this life on the evening of the ninth day of December 1878, in the sweet assurance of hope. Further particulars will be furnished in a short memoir.

Between the brethren and myself, entire harmony and good will have prevailed, and to them I now present my grateful acknowledgments, for their co-operation with me in the discharge of the duties of my office. The Preachers of the District have proved themselves to be good and true men of God, and have ministered to the people the word of life according to their several ability. A goodly number of them have been greatly blessed in their labors, and hundreds of souls have been converted, and added to the church, (probably not less than a thousand).

Among the fields of labor in which the largest harvest has been gathered, honorable mention might be made of Camden Circuit, in which every appointment was highly favored with a "time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." Barrett's Chapel and Milford Neck, at these two Churches, nearly two hundred souls professed to be converted to God. Dorchester Circuit has been greatly revived, and many gathered into the Church; also Cambridge, Beckwith and Speddens, and Galestown. While the charges mentioned have been the more highly favored, the others have not been without more or less success.

In the matter of ministerial support, there is a manifest disposition on the part of the people to lower the salaries of their Pastors, and for some cause, either because of the scarcity of money, or for want of a proper effort on the part of the Stewards, or from both of these causes, many of the Preachers receive so little through the year, they find great difficulty in properly providing for their families. It is to be hoped, however, that at the close of the year, the Preachers have fared better, far better, than my fears.

Upon examination of the class leaders in the Quarterly Conference, I am persuaded that the average attendance of the class members on the meetings, is not more than one-half of the whole number.

Our Sabbath School interest receives a fair share of attention, and is efficient and successful, as the locality may furnish the material for a well organized, and earnest School.

Our benevolent collections receive the attention of the Pastors, but not with that system and promptness they demand. There is a disposition to put them off until late in the year, when they are bought in competition with other interests

and unfavorable weather, which make it scarcely possible to give them due consideration.

The periodicals of our Church have a very limited circulation on the District, except the *Advocate*, the canvass for this has been urged, and, in some localities, with great success.

Church and Parsonage building have received some attention. The new Church enterprise commenced at Milton, four or five years ago, has, at least, been finished under the untiring efforts of Rev. R. W. Todd. Those of us who know of the obstacles and hinderances he had to contend with in the erection of the new Church building, are persuaded that a man of less courage, or of less industry, would have failed; but, by the blessing of God, the cap-stone was brought with shoutings of grace, grace unto it, and on the 12th day of January, 1879, the beautiful Temple was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God. Dr. R. L. Dashiell was present to preach and also to conduct the financial interest. This he did with admirable success being assisted by the Pastor and a good corps of helpers. Although the day was a snowy one, yet the people had a mind for the work, and before the close of the night service, more than the whole amount was pledged, and nearly one half was paid in cash; and while our cup of joy was full in view of the victory achieved, it was made quite to run over, when five persons gave their names to unite with the Church, one of whom had proved himself an efficient member of the building committee. It is not to be wondered at, when I tell you, that we sang the Doxology with a zest. The Church building is about 41 by 61, with basement, Sunday School room, and class room; gothic windows with stained glass, also a steeple, and bell.

The Church at Camden has been thoroughly renovated, and is now one of the most attractive and comfortable Churches on the District. The cost of repairs entirely provided for.

At Georgetown a new parsonage has been erected on a lot opposite the Church, donated by Dr. C. H. Richards. A parsonage is being built at Lincoln, also one at Cambridge.

In my report of last year, I referred to the condition of the work in the lower part of Dorchester County, Maryland. In this locality we have seven Churches, at five of which we have no regular service. The members are few and poor, and the relation of the Churches to each other are such that they are unable to support a Pastor, and we are without means to afford them any relief.

Two of the seven are on Hooper's Island, and are supplied by a minister of the M. E. Church south, as the members there, prefer their supply to come from that source.

In the cause of education, the Wilmington Conference Academy, located at Dover, Delaware, is doing a good work. The Institution is worthy of entire confidence, and deserves the patronage and sympathy of this Conference and a generous public. It has a full and competent corps of teachers, good and comfortable accommodations for its pupils, and room for a larger number of boarders. To all who may have sons to educate I can commend the Academy, believing that there they can enjoy great opportunities for study, under a good and wholesome discipline.

Principal of the Academy, — R. H. Skinner.

Founded in 1873— Burned March 10th, 1876.

Rebuilt 1876 and 1877— Reoccupied September, 1877.

Number of students this year, 90. Teachers, 6. Anniversary, June.

Value of grounds, buildings, and furniture \$45,000.

In conclusion I would say, that while the past year has been one of toil, anxiety, and sacrifice with the preachers of the District, yet we have much over which to rejoice, in that our health and lives have been preserved, and the good work has prospered, and we are permitted to greet each other at another session of our Annual Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN HOUGH.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

In presenting this, my last report of the condition of the work of the Church on Salisbury District, though there has been an increased depression in all the material resources of our people through each successive year, we are pleased to be able to report that, by the aid of a good Providence, and a commendable co-operation upon the part of both ministers and laymen, who, in many instances, have shown a noble spirit of self-sacrifice and zeal for God and the Church, we have been able to maintain and hold our work, and trust some advancement has been made. These four years of service have offered opportunities for seeing the operating forces of our Church in this territory, and from careful observation and an intimate relation with the charges of the District, I have been more or less apprehensive of danger as a result of the tendency in many of our societies to permit lines of distinction which ought never to exist. There are those who assume to embody the piety of the Church, and too often show a zeal without knowledge, and lack a broad, intelligent conception of the real needs of the work; while others, who are always ready to engage in any enterprise which will advance the interests of the Church, are greatly embarrassed by a third class who sigh over the bygone days of Methodism, and long to find a place in the "Church of the Heavenly Rest," where preacher's salaries, benevolent collections, or Sunday School-work, will never disturb their tranquil souls. To harmonize these elements, and utilize them in the work of God, requires great grace, wisdom and patience, upon the part of our preachers.

There have been two Churches dedicated during the year. One mentioned in my report last year, at Houston's, on Frankford Circuit. This is a neat, comfortable structure, built in modern style, and well adapted for the accommodation of the congregation. Too much cannot be said in praise of the careful and economical management of this enterprise. Bros. Martindale, Ayers and Hynson, rendered valuable aid to the Pastor at the dedicatory services.

The Church in Revel's Neck, on Annessex Circuit, which for a number of years has been in an unfinished condition, was completed last month. This work was accomplished as a result of the persistent efforts of Bro. Gardner, the Pastor, who, in the face of the most formidable difficulties, pressed the work until finished.

There is a debt of twelve hundred dollars on the Asbury Church at Crisfield. This is largely due to the neglect to collect the subscriptions, after they were made. A process of law is already begun, which, while it may not endanger our claim to the property, will increase the indebtedness, and, we fear, will defer the completion of the audience room.

The Church at Girdle Tree, on Snow Hill Circuit, has undergone a very thorough repair, and several additions have been made, which will contribute largely to the appearance and comfort of the house. Wesleyville Church, on the same circuit, was burned on the evening of November 5th. The loss was comparatively small—the estimated value of the house being three hundred dollars. There is a prospect of rebuilding, during the present Spring.

Two Churches on Delmar Circuit have been repaired. Mt. Pleasant Church, erected first in 1780, and re-built in 1862, during the past year was made much more attractive in its external appearance, and the re-arrangement inside has added greatly to the comfort of both congregation and preacher. St George's has been repaired and improved, and will meet the demands of the work at this point, which is growing.

The congregation at Sharptown have built a chapel adjoining their large and commodious Church, upon which they have placed a tower and bell.

Melson's Church, on Gumboro Circuit, is unfinished. The building committee desire to complete the house clear of debt, and are therefore moving slowly, but no doubt the Church will be finished the coming year.

At five places on the District, viz: Selbyville and St George's on Frankford circuit, Bishopville on Roxana Circuit, Gumboro', on Gumboro' Circuit, and Mas-

sey's, on Quantico Circuit, new Churches are in contemplation. For the location and building of the same, committees have been appointed by the respective Quarterly Conferences.

There is a praiseworthy spirit of enterprise among our people in the matter of Church building, and carefulness to avoid burdensome debts, which in these times of financial uncertainty, must commend itself to the judgment of the wise and prudent.

I have discovered at some points an unpardonable carelessness in the form of deed made for our Church property. In one instance, a property of considerable value had been deeded to a Board of Trustees, their heirs and assigns forever. The decease of the Trustees would have left the property to their heirs, and the Church, in law, would have been without a shadow of a claim. The death of a single member of the board might have opened the way for troublesome litigation.

There is also a culpable neglect upon the part of our Church officials in not protecting our property against loss by fire. Of the one hundred Churches and parsonages on the District, there are but fourteen upon which there is any insurance, and of the property estimated to be worth \$148,900, there are policies amounting, in the aggregate, to only \$40,000.

Our brethren of the ministry have, with one or two exceptions, urged the claims of our Church periodicals, and have strongly emphasized the importance of keeping the literature of the Church in our families. There is a sentiment universally shared by our ministers, if our people can be kept informed of the life and enterprise of the Church in her almost world-wide efforts to save men, and if their minds can be moulded by the current of thought expressed in our weekly, monthly and quarterly periodicals, we have placed an effectual barrier in the way of our people drifting from us.

The Sunday School work has received careful attention. I have visited the Schools whenever opportunity offered. In towns, and at many places in the rural sections, these schools are attracting the attention and securing the attendance of our best people among both youth and adults, and the systematic study of the word of God is preparing the way for the gathering of a bountiful harvest.

Our ministers fully agree with the leading minds of the Church in the purpose of presenting the claims of all our benevolent societies to our people, and of giving them the necessary information, and to awaken, if possible, their sympathies, and secure their means for the proper support of the same. From the minutes of last year, with an aggregate of two hundred and sixteen collections on the District, there were only fourteen omissions. We hope the reports of this year will make even a better showing.

I have found it extremely difficult to elicit a hearty response from our people in the interests of our Conference educational work, not so much from a lack of sympathy for this work, but the claims of particular localities are so urgent that the services of our prominent men in both the management of the school systems and the work of teaching seems to preclude the possibility of their giving the attention to our Conference work which we would gladly have them manifest. There is a growing belief on the part of those who are giving the matter attention, that we ought to concentrate our interests at a single point, and that the Conference Academy ought to be open alike to both male and female students.

There has been a good revival influence abroad on the District. At the following places, Annessex, Roxana, Sharptown, Snow Hill, Princess Anne, and Frankford Circuits, the work has been of more than usual extent. These six places have received a total of more than six hundred probationers.

In November, the Hundredth Anniversary of the introduction of Methodism into the lower peninsula was celebrated in Salisbury. This District embraces a territory upon which some of the grandest victories and most glorious achievements were won by the founders of our Church in this country. The reminiscences of the first preachers and prominent laymen who early identified themselves with this religious movement will make one of the bright pages in the history of Methodism. I would

suggest that this Conference appoint a committee to secure, if possible, a shelf in the library of the Conference Academy as a depository where all papers, journals and Quarterly Conference Records no longer used, may be deposited. And that the Conference request the Presiding Elders, at the close of their quadrenniums, to write out in detail all matters of interest in connection with Church and parsonage buildings and improvements, with the names of parties prominent in the work, and that these papers be placed on file at the same place.

I have given my time exclusively to the work of the Church, but regret that more has not been accomplished. A consciousness that I have done the work to the best of my ability, and the unselfish motives which have prompted my actions, more than compensate for the embarrassment and responsibility which has been felt.

To my ministerial brethren, and many of the laity, who have given me their sympathy and aid, without which the work could not have been done, I tender my thanks and pray that heaven's blessings may abide with them.

Respectfully submitted.

N. M. BROWNE.

Reports of Committees.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Conference Board of Church Extension have authorized the following report:—

By a resolution of the last session of the Wilmington Annual Conference, the attention of the Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Board was called to certain grave matters of difference which had arisen in the matter of the distribution of funds authorized to be appropriated within our bounds. After a full interview, the Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Board submitted, in writing, a letter containing a statement of his action, and that of the Parent Board, which is herewith respectfully submitted.

Two meetings of the Conference Board have been held during the year, in May and November.

At the first meeting in May, a statement was submitted showing that during the existence of the Wilmington Conference, there had been collected within our bounds the sum of..... \$9,509 79
and that Churches had been aided to the amount of..... 4,775 00

\$4,734 79

or a fraction over one-half of the gross receipts by collection in our charges. This was gratifying to us, but at the same time we plainly saw that the account of the corresponding Secretary of the Parent Board, as kept against the Wilmington Conference, had placed out of our reach various sums, amounting in the aggregate to several hundred dollars, by suffering any unappropriated fund in his hands to lapse at the end of the Calendar year. This had been done, in some instances, when there were recommendations for donations already before the Parent Board, which were approved and paid out of the funds of the ensuing year.

There was some difficulty in harmonizing our views with those of the Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Board, but an intercourse brought out an explanatory letter from Dr. Kynett, which we are glad to say produced satisfaction. As a result of the operations of the Church Extension Board, there has been applied within our Conference Bounds in 1878, the following grants:

February 28th, paid to Preston, donation.....	\$200 00
April 16th, paid to Stanton, ".....	200 00
" " " " loan.....	300 00
" 24th, " King's Creek, donation.....	100 00
June 14th, " Delaware City, ".....	200 00
Sept. 4th, " Cokesbury, Newtown Circuit, donation.....	50 00

Total.....\$1050 00

It is true that most of the grants above recited had been recommended by the Conference Board, during 1877, but the guarantees required by the Parent Board were not secured until 1878, hence the payment during the latter year.

The unexpended balance, now in the hands of the Parent Board, credited to this Conference, is \$120. But the general deficiency in Church Extension col-

lections throughout the Conferences being over \$50,000 less than the amounts authorized, our Conference Board, at its session in December, declined to make any further recommendations at that time.

We desire to express our heartfelt satisfaction, that during the last year there were so few of the circuits and stations that failed to take up the Church Extension Collection. On Wilmington District every charge reported something, save one. On Eastern District there were four, and on Dover District, three, from which no report came, while on Salisbury District, every charge gave something to this cause. Yet on comparison of the total amount received with the amount apportioned for this year, we are painfully impressed with the smallness of the collections taken. This fact will appear to the Conference by the following statement, wherein is set forth the apportionment to, and receipts from, the four Districts.

	Apportioned.	Raised.
Wilmington District.....	\$1040 00	\$391 68
Easton ".....	596 00	126 64
Dover ".....	480 00	116 51
Salisbury ".....	387 00	66 85
Total.....	\$2503 00	\$701 68

May we not urge with strong entreaty, that in the future, the Wilmington Conference will not permit us all to be thus humiliated? How can we advance this great cause unless we approximate more closely to the amount apportioned?

Shall it be told abroad, that there were three hundred dollars more expended within the bounds of our Conference in 1878, than was raised while so many people in our country are without any place of worship whatever.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

1. *Dickinson College*, the oldest of the five institutions under our supervision, in a few years to celebrate its first Centenary, is in a more prosperous condition than it has been in for many years, the College proper numbering 77 students, and the Preparatory Department, 25. An institution which survives the storms and vicissitudes of nearly a hundred years, claims at our hands not only the highest respect and confidence, but the warmest sympathy, support and patronage; and we therefore extend to Dickinson College our heartfelt congratulations, and present the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we approve the proposition to so amend the charter of this institution as to make the desired change in the mode of electing Trustees.

Resolved, That we concur in the suggestion of the Board of Trustees, to celebrate, in a becoming manner, the first Centenary of this College, in 1883.

2. *Wesleyan Female College*.—This institution, under the Presidency of Rev. J. M. Williams, A. M., has, during the first year undergone material improvements in way of new furniture, heating and lighting, and additions to the chemical and philosophical apparatus, adding greatly to the comfort, convenience and intellectual advantages of the scholars. The religious condition of the students is very satisfactory, one-fifth of their number having been converted during the year, and their attendance upon class and prayer meetings being prompt and regular. The annual expenses in this College have been reduced from \$250 to \$200. There is an immediate necessity for raising about \$4,000, in order to save this institution to the Church. The Philadelphia Conference, being a joint owner with us of this valuable property, at its recent session, passed resolutions looking to speedy relief, and we recommend the same for adoption by this Conference:

Resolved, That we commend the Wesleyan Female College to the favor and patronage of the people.

Resolved, That we hereby invite Rev. J. M. Williams, President of said Col-

lege, to visit our congregations, and present to the people the interests and needs of the same.

3. *Wilmington Conference Academy*.—This School is in an exceedingly prosperous condition. There has been a large increase in students, (sixty-four per cent. over the past year,) and the largest attendance ever enrolled there. Seven teachers are steadily employed. All the classes are doing excellent work; charges have been reduced, and the Academy will, this year, for the first time in its history, pay rent to the Trustees. The property is leased to the Principal, R. H. Skinner, A. M., who assumes all expenses incurred in running the School, and pays rent in proportion to patronage received. This feature, coupled with the all-important fact that the School is thoroughly efficient in all of its appointments, should enlist the sympathies and support of the Conference. Its financial condition and needs are set forth in the report of the Board of Trustees, and claims the most serious attention from this Conference.

Resolved, That we have increasing confidence in the usefulness and future success of the Wilmington Conference Academy, and we do hereby earnestly commend it to our people, beseeching them not only to relieve its financial necessities, but to support it by a liberal patronage.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand dollars be apportioned, as heretofore, among the several charges of the Conference, and that we hereby pledge ourselves to use our best efforts to secure the sums severally assessed.

4. *Drew Theological Seminary*.—This institution, notwithstanding financial troubles, has had a successful career during the thirteen years of its history. Its success for the last five years has been largely due to the self-sacrificing spirit of its faculty, and the liberal policy of the Trustees; the latter having met the deficit in current expenses from their own private resources. The students are gathered from all parts of our own country and many foreign nations. They come from England, Ireland, Italy, Macedonia and Nova Scotia. The character and qualifications of the members of the faculty are such as fully to justify the trust reposed in them.

5. *The Centenary Biblical Institute*.—This School is still doing an excellent work in the education of colored men for the ministry, twenty nine being now in a course of training for that sacred office. We do most earnestly commend it to the sympathy and support of our people, and advise the raising in each charge of a collection for its support.

Your Committee beg leave, in conclusion, to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1, That we recognize it as a duty binding upon us as Christian Ministers, to use our influence with the people of our charge, in behalf of a high standard of education, not only calling their attention to the subject, but in the pulpit, in the prayer meetings, and at the family altars where we lead in worship, to invoke the Divine blessing upon all our literary institutions.

Resolved, 2, That in order to diffuse the necessary information, we will, in all our congregations, carry out the requirements of the Discipline, Paragraph, 247, Section 3, and preach once during the year on the subject of education; that we will spread information on the subject by circulating tracts or otherwise; and that we will call the attention of our wealthy members and friends to the duty of making liberal donations and bequests to this object.

Resolved, 3, That we recommend the printing of both parts of this report in the Conference Worker, and request each pastor, on some suitable occasion to read the same, with appropriate comments, to each of his congregations. And in order that sufficient time may be taken for this purpose, we recommend that some Sabbath morning may be assigned exclusively to this object.

Resolved, 4, That on such occasion a subscription be taken for the cause of education, to be paid during the year, and that the amount thus raised be divided between the two most needy of our institutions, according to the choice of the donors; this not to exclude a collection for the Conference Educational Society.

Resolved, 5, That the Presiding Elders be, and they are hereby constituted, a

Committee to correspond with each pastor in their respective districts, and if necessary, aid in securing the largest possible subscription to the cause. We furthermore recommend each member of said Committee to give in their district reports at the next session of the Conference, the names of all the charges in which such subscription shall have been taken.

REPORT OF TRACT COMMITTEE.

Observation has taught us that thousands of our Tracts are turned aside from their mission of usefulness by the adoption of wrong plans for their circulation. We therefore advise,

- 1, That Pastors give more attention to the subject, and see that this evil be corrected.
- 2, That Tract distributors be required to make a written, monthly, report to their Pastors, stating what has been the extent of their work, and the number of pages of Tracts distributed.
- 3, That Tract Committees be required to make a written, quarterly, report to the quarterly Conference.
- 4, That the annual Tract collection be taken in each and every pastoral charge.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The committee beg leave to present the following resolutions, for co-operation by the Conference.

Resolved, 1. That in these times of Skepticism, and so called modern thought, by which the Divine authority of the Holy Scriptures is called in question, there is a more special need for the general circulation of the Bible as the best antidote for all these forms of unbelief.

Resolved, 2. Believing as we do that the Bible contains the revealed will of God, that it is the charter of our religious privileges, the foundation of our Christian civilization, the guide of youth, the solace of age, and the hope of the Christian in death, that it therefore appeals not only to our understanding, but to the strongest affections of our hearts.

Resolved, 3. That the American Bible Society, in its great work in circulating the Holy Scriptures without note or comments, in our own and foreign lands, commends itself to our confidence and support.

Resolved, 4. That the cosmopolitan and unsectarian characteristics of this society are especially worthy of our admiration, as thus embodying in their principles the grand idea of Christian unity of all who believe in one Bible, One God, and One Lord Jesus Christ.

Resolved, 5. That the Bible should be retained in all our Public Schools as a Book of instruction in its great moral truths, upon which rests the hope of our civil institutions, that the children shall be taught to "fear God and keep his commandments, which is the whole duty of man."

Resolved, 6. That we urge upon all our people the importance of aiding the American Bible Society in its grand work of circulating the Scriptures by their contributions to its funds, and otherwise.

Resolved, 7. That we were gratified by the presence, for the first time among us, of Rev. Dr. A. S. Hunt, recently appointed one of the secretaries of the American Bible Society, to whose most appropriate address we listened with great interest.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—

We have reason to believe that this department of our Church-work has never been more efficiently or successfully prosecuted than during the past year. It commands and has the best talent of the laity in its advancement, and holds in employment thousands who otherwise would be idle.

The greatness of this movement, which is designed to form the moral and religious character of the rising generation, makes it to be co-ordinate with the more formal and impressive preaching of the Word; and thereby, makes it necessary that every Pastor shall be the recognized head-master of every school, within the bounds of his charge. To have it otherwise, is to sunder the connectional bond between the Church and the School.

The Methodist Episcopal Church in the Wilmington Conference, has over 25,000 Sunday School children, for whose spiritual welfare we are responsible. These are to be schooled in Bible knowledge, and indoctrinated in the tenets of our faith, and made familiar with our usages, and our benevolent agencies. Your Committee know of no more excellent method for the accomplishment of this end, than that embodied in a resolution of the late General Conference, as follows:

Resolved, That we urge upon our Pastors, the importance of employing the International system of Church Lessons in all our Churches, and that we especially insist upon the use of the Catechism by the Pastors, according to the Discipline of the Church, in the family, the Sunday School, at special meetings, and at public meetings appointed for that purpose. It is therefore most earnestly commended to the godly consideration of all.

Inasmuch as the principles above recited are essential to harmony and greater success, we respectfully submit the following resolutions for adoption:

1, *Resolved,* That wherever any of our Sunday Schools are not under the supervision of a Sunday School Board, constituted in accordance with the Discipline, paragraph 248, we earnestly urge the immediate adoption of the same.

2, *Resolved,* That the Catechism of the Church should be invariably used in the Sunday School, on every Sabbath day, and the children be catechised by the Pastor, or Superintendent.

3, *Resolved,* That inasmuch as the Discipline requires that each Sunday School in our Churches and congregations, be organized into a Missionary Society, all proceeds from class collections, prayer meetings, or Anniversaries held in the name of the Missionary Society, are, and of right ought to be, appropriated and reported only for Missionary purposes.

4, *Resolved,* That we congratulate all Sunday School workers, upon the success that has crowned their efforts, and pray that grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ may be upon them, through the Holy Ghost.

LADIES AND PASTORS' CHRISTIAN UNION.

The Committee appointed on "Ladies and Pastors' Christian Union" would respectfully submit the following.

WHEREAS, "Ladies and Pastors' Christian Unions" have proved an arm of strength in carrying forward the work of the Church, bringing the gospel to many who otherwise would be without it, inducing many to attend the services of the Church who otherwise would not attend those services, bearing christian greetings and sympathy, and help to the sorrowing and the needy, and in various other ways aiding the Pastor in his work for souls, and,

WHEREAS, Such organizations give active and useful employment to much of the very best talent of the Church, that of devoted christian women, therefore,

Resolved 1st. That we declare it to be our unanimous judgment that there

ought to be a "Ladies and Pastors' Christlan Union organized and maintained in every charge within the bounds of the Conference.

2nd. That the presiding elder be requested, at the quarterly Conferences early in the year, to inquire whether a "Union" has been organized.

3rd. That in most instances, "The Ladies' Mite Societies," already in existence, might be so modified without impairing their usefulness, as to make them become in form and in fact, "Ladies and Pastors' Christian Unions."

4th. That, while perhaps, it is not important, for the present, that a Conference Anniversary should be held, yet a Conference Committee on the matter, should be appointed from year to year. And that hereafter it would be well to hold Conference Anniversaries, at which a large feature might be, short addresses or experiences from a number of the pastors with regard to the workings of the local societies.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, First, That we feel it our duty as ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ to take an active part in promoting the Temperance Reform.

Resolved, Second, That it is the duty of every Christian citizen so to use the ballot, as to protect our homes from the curse of the liquor traffic.

Resolved, Third, That in view of our responsibility as a Church, for the promotion of the Temperance Reform, we recommend the holding, during the coming Summer, of a Peninsula Temperance Convention, at Rehoboth, or some other suitable place.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH RELIEF FUND.

The Committee appointed to administer the Church Relief Fund, beg leave to make the following report:

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.		
Christiana,	\$80 00	
Charlestown,	50 00	\$130 00
EASTON DISTRICT.		
Appoquinimink,		125 00
DOVER DISTRICT.		
Church Creek,		100 00
SALISBURY DISTRICT.		
Sharptown,		100 00
		\$455 00

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be, and are, hereby, instructed to distribute the Relief Fund in quarterly payments to the Pastors for whose assistance it is needed.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The enlargement of the field occupied and cultivated by this Society, and the increased measure of its success as brought before us in the Report of the Conference Secretary of the Society, Mrs. E. B. Stevens, and in the thrilling address of Mrs. Chandler, together with the strong and feeling endorsement of Bishop Simpson,—all have united to impress us with a solemn conviction of the magnitude and value of the work providentially placed before the women of the church of their duty and of our privilege.

Resolved 1. That we earnestly recommend the immediate formation of new

auxiliaries whenever feasible; the resuscitation of those which may be inactive; and the vigorous and zealous prosecution of the purposes of the Society in all our charges.

2nd We offer our heartiest sympathy to our sister workers, and will count it a pleasure to be of service to them in any way consistent with the requirements of the constitution of their society.

3rd. We ask the prayerful attention of the women of the Church to the following extract from the report of Mrs. E. B. Stevens, read at our Conference session:—

"One of our beloved Missionaries in Bareilly was hastily summoned, at the midnight hour, to the bedside of a dying Hindoo that she had twice before visited. She found her tortured with apprehensions as she faced the dark unknown, and lovingly and definitely did this one, who had been herself comforted of God, point the trembling soul to the Friend of sinners, waiting to go with her through the dark valley and shadow of death, and then to receive her into everlasting habitations. Turning her glazed eyes upon the Missionary, the dying one asked—How long have you known this good news? All my life, was the reply. Drawing a deep sigh of disappointment and turning her face wearily toward the wall, she repeated—All my life! and only just come to tell it! And so few come! There must be some mistake about it! It can't be true! and with a shudder, her soul went out into the darkness."

"Why did not these women go before? And why do so few go?"

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The annual report of the Freedmen's Aid Society, for the year ending July 1, 1878, gives the following facts of interest:

Sixty-three thousand four hundred dollars have been collected and disbursed. Seventy teachers have been sustained in the field. Twenty nine hundred and forty pupils have been taught by them, one half of whom are preparing to teach or preach.

Two thousand dollars of the amount raised was contributed by the Freedmen of La Grange, Georgia. Twenty-eight thousand dollars of the amount was from donations and bequests. Only thirty-five thousand dollars were received by collections from the Conferences. Wilmington Conference last year contributed three hundred and sixty-one dollars and forty cents. We are asked for eleven hundred dollars the ensuing year. The whole amount asked for from the entire church, is \$75,000.

Rev. Isaac J. Lansing says, "The Romish Church has entered the Southern field to seize the colored man, his vote, and the nation, and with visible success. There are from seventy to one hundred Jesuit Missionaries now in the Southern States. Young colored men to the number of a hundred are in the College of the Propaganda, at Rome, preparing for Missionary service, mostly in America. Since the beginning of the year 1877, twelve Romish schools have been opened for colored people in the three States of Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

The liberal support of our Freedmen's Aid Society becomes, therefore, a struggle against Roman Catholic supremacy in the South. And nothing can be made more powerful to bring Rome's fell purpose to confusion than a vigorous Methodist campaign of educational force, as developed and spread abroad by our Freeman's Schools.

The Centenary Biblical Institute, at Baltimore, with very limited facilities, continues to do a good work in the educational field. Seventy-eight students

have been in attendance during the past year; twenty nine of whom are preparing for the ministry, and most of the others design to teach. The entire expense for the past year has been only \$1,825.25, which sum will probably be sufficient for the current year. This economical management of so important an enterprise commends it to our hearty sympathies and generous aid. Therefore, pursuant to an understanding with Dr. Rust, our General Secretary, we recommend that the collections in our congregations be taken up in behalf of the Centenary Biblical Institute of Baltimore, of which Rev. J. Emory Round is President, and that the contributions for Freedmen's Aid Society, reported this year, be paid to W. J. Hooper, Esq., Treasurer, at Baltimore.

REPORT ON CAMP MEETING ABUSES.

The Committee to which was referred the paper on the subject of desecrating the Holy Sabbath at our Camp Meetings, by the managers authorizing the sale of articles of traffic, contrary to the Divine law of the Sabbath, respectfully report the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

WHEREAS: The managers of some of our Camp Meetings have desecrated these grove-temples of God's worship, and God's Holy Sabbath, by authorizing secular trading on the grounds, and on the Sabbath, by secular persons, charging large bonus for the privilege, in order to raise large sums of money to defray expenses, and licensing the sale of a variety of commodities, such as confectioneries, fruits, ice cream, tobacco, segars, &c., &c., contrary to the Divine law sanctifying the Sabbath, and not justifiable or excusable under any plea of necessity or mercy, and

WHEREAS, Other irregularities and wrongs have been introduced upon our ancient usages of appointing and holding Camp Meetings, by the ministry and membership of the M. E. Church, within our bounds, Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That the Conference declares that all such trade, traffic, and license, therefore, are contrary to the institution and sanctity of the Holy Sabbath, are injurious to the christian character of such meetings and their managers, and do now receive our unqualified disapprobation.

Resolved, 2nd. That we do affectionately advise our brethren and friends to stand up valiantly against such violation of the Sabbath and dishonor of the sanctity and worship of God.

Resolved, 3rd. That we as members of this Conference, and ministers of the Gospel, will not, knowingly, give our presence or labors at any Camp Meeting where such license is granted or such traffic is allowed by the managers. Nor will we consent to assist in the services at any Camp Meeting not under proper pastoral superintendence and control.

Resolved, 4th. That the M. E. Church of the Wilmington Conference cannot be justly held responsible for the good order and religious management of any Camp Meeting within our bounds, unless the said meeting is appointed by the sanction of the pastorate and officary of the charge for and in which the said meeting is held, and which is conducted according to the ancient usages of the M. E. Church in ordering and conducting Camp Meetings, to wit:

1st. The managers being members of the M. E. Church, and subject to her moral jurisdiction for their official conduct.

2nd. The pastors of said charge or charges, being only constituted *ex-officio* managers, in all matters of moral and ministerial order, and invested with the charge of the pulpit, and the religious services of the meeting.

Resolved, 5th. That the groves and grounds purchased by our brethren and friends for the use and responsibility of the M. E. Church for holding our Camp Meetings, should be deeded to Trustees, members of the Church, in trust, for the use of said church for said purposes, according to her form of deed and discipline, and when said Trustees are incorporated by law, the charter ought to distinctly recognize the said trust, for the use of said church, according to her discipline and camp meeting usages.

RESOLUTIONS.

MILLINGTON M. E. CHURCH.

Inasmuch as we have learned, through Rev. Charles Hill, Presiding Elder, of the heavy indebtedness of the M. E. Church in Millington, which debt has been carried for several years by our well-known liberal minded layman, Thomas Malleliu Esq., and confident that it is utterly impossible for Millington Methodism, if left to itself, to cancel said indebtedness, and complete the Church for years to come, also, for many reasons, believing the completion of the Church and canceling the debt at the earliest possible period, to be most desirable, Therefore,

Resolved, By the Preachers on Easton District, that we ask the Wilmington Annual Conference to instruct the Presiding Elders of this Conference, to present the condition of Millington M. E. Church to the Quarterly Conference of each charge on their respective Districts, on their first round, and urge the setting apart a day, early in the Conference Year, for the lifting of a collection in its behalf.

BISHOP SIMPSON.

WHEREAS, a decade of years has passed since the Wilmington Conference was organized in 1869, to take her place in the constellation of Conferences in the United State, and,

WHEREAS, our beloved Rev. Bishop Simpson was with us as our Presiding Bishop at that time, and in the Providence of God is again our Presiding Officer in this present session, Therefore, be it

1, *Resolved*, That we congratulate the Bishop upon the preservation of his valuable life during these past years.

2, *Resolved*, That we hold Him in the highest consideration as a model christian gentleman, as one of the most distinguished pulpit orators of the age, as, well also, for his ability and courtesy as a Presiding Officer in the discharge of the functions of his high official position.

3, *Resolved*, That we entertain the hope that, in the Providence of God, he may be permitted again to preside over the deliberations of our Conference, before another decade of years shall have passed.

TRANSFER OF REV. GEO. R. BRISTOR.

WHEREAS, It has been deemed desirable by the Bishops of the Church, that the Rev. Geo. R. Bristor be appointed to Ames' Chapel, New Orleans, and,

WHEREAS, in obedience to the call, he has consented to a transfer from this Body to that of the Louisiana Conference, Therefore,

1, *Resolved*, That we acquiesce in this result of the deliberations, though we most emphatically declare, we would prefer his continuance among us.

2, *Resolved*, That we shall hold an open door for his return to us, whenever his term of service in the South shall close.

3, *Resolved*, That our affections, sympathies and prayers shall go and abide with him as if he were still a member of this Body.

4 *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be given to Brother Bristor, and also sent to the New Orleans Christian Advocate for publication.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS.

WHEREAS, While we have full confidence in the carefulness and discrimination of our Examining Committees, there are yet other than intellectual and mental qualifications required in a traveling Preacher. Therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee consisting of one Minister from each District, to be known as the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine into and report upon, the circumstances, character, adaptability and fitness, other than merely mental or intellectual, of each Candidate applying for admission upon trial into our Conference: said Committee to meet on the Monday preceding the first Wednesday of each Session of the Conference, and to have all the authority of the regular Examining Committee.

REV. E. G. IRWIN.

WHEREAS, The estimable family of our dear deceased Brother Rev. E. G. Irwin, by their great affliction and bereavement, are left in circumstances of embarrassment, which the Board of Stewards will not, probably, be able fully to relieve. Therefore,

Resolved, That at some appropriate time, a collection be taken in this Conference for their benefit.

STATISTICAL SESSION.

Resolved, That at the next session of this Conference, the Committee having charge of the arrangements of the public exercises, shall provide for a Statistical Session, at 2 o'clock, on the afternoon of the first day of the Session, at which time the members of this body shall present their reports on General Statistics and Finance.

CONFERENCE FUNDS.

Resolved, That the funds in the hands of the Finance Committee be paid as follows:

Episcopal Fund, Tract and S. S. Union.—To Agents at New York.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in Delaware—To Mrs. E. B. Stevens, Conference Secretary: In Maryland, to Mrs. Hamilton, Baltimore.

Church Extension—To F. A. Ellis.

Education—To Treasurer of Conference Academy.

Freedman's Aid—To Rev. J. E. Round.

Church Relief—To Rev. J. B. Quigg.

Conference Educational—To J. F. Williamson.

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, Certain members of this Conference, have covenanted and agreed together, to become annual contributors to the special fund of a Preachers' Aid Society, according to the provisions of a constitution published in a recent number of the Conference Worker, and,

WHEREAS, It is deemed very desirable to organize and establish such an Association for the benefit of the members of this Annual Conference and their families, Therefore,

Resolved, 1, That we, the Wilmington Annual Conference, in Conference assembled, do hereby agree to organize ourselves into a Preachers' Aid Society, and adopt the following Constitution.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved 1, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the various R. R. Companies operating within our bounds, for accommodations extended to us in the reduction of fare.

Resolved 2, That we give expression to our high appreciation of the untiring and arduous service rendered us by our Secretaries, and of the prompt, faithful and obliging manner in which those services have been rendered.

Resolved 3, That our thanks be sincerely tendered the Choir for their occasional music; to the sexton for his attentive services: to the Trustees for the use of their Church building, so admirably adapted for Conference purposes, and to the citizens of New Castle and vicinity, who have so hospitably entertained us during our sojourn among them.

Resolved 4, That we express our high appreciation of the polite attention of our Brother, George R. Bristor, the Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at New Castle, who has so diligently endeavored to make our stay in this community pleasant and even delightful.

Resolved 5, That we declare the very great sense of pleasure with which we listened to the interesting and instructive Missionary Sermon by our esteemed Brother, Rev. A. W. Milby, and that we request him to furnish a copy for publication in the Christian Advocate.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. JOSHUA HUMPHRISS.

Joshua Humphriss, died of pneumonia, at the house of Mr. Wm. Jackson, in the town of Salisbury, Md., on Thursday morning, January 23rd, 1879

Brother Humphriss was born at Rockawalking, Md., on a farm that has been in the Humphriss family over two hundred years, about five miles from Salisbury, Nov. 2nd, 1801. He was, consequently, at the time of his death, a few months over 77 years of age. His father dying when he was only a few months old, and his mother marrying a second time, he fell into the hands of an uncle, a vestryman in the Protestant Episcopal Church, who trained him in the faith and usages of that church. His mother died when he was about 12 years of age.

But when about sixteen years of age, while attending a Methodist Camp Meeting, held in the vicinity of his home, he was awakened to a sense of his sinfulness, and savingly converted. This occurred on Saturday, August 10th, 1817. Four days later he found himself holding his first meeting under an apple tree, opening it with singing and an exhortation to George, a colored servant, and closing it with about thirty people from the plantation, present, including his uncle and other members of the family, who were deeply moved with the singing, prayers and exhortations of the boy. George, the colored boy, was converted, lived to a good old age, and only a few years since, died in the faith with a good hope of heaven. On the following Sabbath, August 18th, he was received as probationer in the M. E. Church.

On March 6th, 1824, he received license as an Exhorter at Vienna, on Dorchester Circuit. The following year, February 5th, 1825, his license was renewed by the Quarterly Conference, the celebrated Lawrence Lawrence being Presiding Elder.

On December 3rd, 1827, at a District Conference held in the town of Salisbury, over which Rev. Henry White presided, he received license to preach,—the same town in which he died, a little more than fifty-one years later.

At the session of the Philadelphia Conference, convened in the city of Philadelphia, April 15th, 1829, he was received on trial in the traveling connection, in company with fifteen others, the most of whom preceded him to the better land.

Lewistown Circuit, on the Delaware District, was his first appointment, the celebrated W. Barnes being his colleague, and Henry White his Presiding Elder. The following year, 1830, he was on Annessex Circuit.

On April 17th 1831, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hedding, in the Union Church, Philadelphia, and sent to Milford Circuit.

At the Conference held in Wilmington, April, 1832, he was appointed to Snow Hill Circuit, but at the earnest solicitation of the people, he was returned by the Presiding Elder, David Dailey, to Milford.

April 21st, 1833, at the session of the Conference held in Halsey St. Church, Newark, New Jersey, he was ordained Elder by Bishop Hedding.

He was read out at the close of the session for Caroline Circuit, Chesapeake District.

In 1834 and '35 he traveled Talbot Circuit. In 1836 and '37 he was on Church Hill Circuit. In 1838 and '39 he was in charge of Symrna Circuit.

In 1840 and '41 he was in charge of Dover Circuit. In 1842 and '43 he was stationed at Columbia, Pa., then on the South Philadelphia District. Here he had a most remarkable revival, resulting in the conversion of nearly 150 souls, and an accession to the M. E. Church, of over a hundred members, many of whom have remained and largely constituted, since then, the working force of the church.

In 1844 and '45 he was stationed at North-East, Md.

In 1846 he was on Chester Circuit. In 1847 and '48 he was stationed at St. John's, in the city of Philadelphia. In 1849, he was at Western Church, Philadelphia. In 1850 and '51 he was at Mariners' Bethel, Philadelphia. In 1852 and '53, at Union, Wilmington; 1854, Norristown, Pa.; 1855 and '56, Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; 1857 and '58, Mt. Zion, Manayunk. In 1859 he took a supernumerary relation, on account of the declining health of his wife, but shortly after Conference, he was put in charge of the Mt. Vernon Street Chapel, a Mission from Green Street Church, which subsequently became the nucleus of what is now the Spring Garden Street M. E. Church.

In 1860 he was again made effective, and put in charge of 38th Street Station, West Philadelphia. In 1861 and '62 he was in charge of Bustleton Station, on the North Philadelphia District, and in 1863, of Bethlehem, on the Lehigh.

In the Spring of 1864, at the earnest request of his old friends, he was sent to Salisbury, Md., where he remained till the close of 1865. In 1866 and '67 he was on Cecilton and St. Paul's Circuit, Md.; 1868, Brandywine, Wilmington; 1869 and '70 Newport, and in 1871, Delaware City, which was his last regular charge.

Bro. Humphriss was thus 41 years an effective minister, traveling 17 years within the bounds of Philadelphia Conference, and 24 years in our territory.

In the Spring of 1872 he became a supernumerary, preaching only as occasion might offer, and when the state of his health would permit. During one of these years he preached over forty sermons, laboring on the Sabbath, and assisting brethren in their protracted meetings, availing himself of every opportunity to do good.

Shortly after returning from the effective ranks, his beloved wife, who shared with him the toil, and trials of the itinerancy for 44 years, and who walked with him in sweet companionship for 48 years, entered into the rest above.

His last sermon was preached in Rockawalking, Md., from Colossians i. 27, 28. "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory; whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

Thus his last sermon was preached at the place of his birth, and the scene of his early labors, whither he had gone in December to make one more visit before his departure to heaven.

But while there, going around among his friends, he contracted a cold which caused him to return to Salisbury, where he lay by a few days, until he thought himself well enough to again venture out; but in doing so, he contracted more cold, which culminated in pneumonia, and in six days closed his earthly career.

Early in the week his son and daughter were sent for. He received them with apparent pleasure, though he was too weak to make much demonstration of his delight at their coming.

On the day previous to his death, his son read to him several passages of Scripture relating to the dignity and privileges of the sons of God, the triumph of their faith and the glorious provisions made for their future and eternal happiness; to all of which he bowed his head again and again in assent, with apparent delight. Then asking him if they should sing, and what they should sing, he replied, "Yes, sing 'Savior, more than life to me'"—a hymn that for months had been a special favorite with him, and which he often sang in the prayer meeting, when present. After they had prayed with him, Rev. N. M. Browne, Presiding Elder of the Salisbury District, came in, and after inquiring as to his physical condition, asked, "Father Humphriss, how is it with you, spiritually?" to which he promptly replied, "I'm all right—I'm all right—I am only waiting for my Father to call me home."

After this he remained quiet, sinking rapidly during the night. A little after 8 o'clock on Thursday morning he asked to be raised up, when turning his eyes toward his children who sat by his side, he quietly, and without a single struggle, breathed his last.

After appropriate services, on Friday morning, at Salisbury, his remains were brought to the residence of his son, in the city of Philadelphia, whence, after solemn and impressive service on Monday morning, January 27th, in the Green Street M. E. Church, of which his son is now Pastor, they were borne to the Ministers' Burial Lot in Mt. Moriah Cemetery, and placed by the side his deceased wife, there to remain until the resurrection of the just.

Bro. Humphriss was one of the excellent of the earth, gentle and loving toward all around him, always happy and uncomplaining, no matter what the circumstances with which he was surrounded, and ever spreading sunshine and happiness on all with whom he came in contact.

He was a true man, a devoted and sincere christian, a faithful and affectionate husband and father.

As a pastor, he was unsurpassed—kind to all, attentive to the sick, full of sympathy for the sorrowing, compassionate toward the erring, and ready at all times and in all places, to the extent of his ability, to help all that needed help at his hands.

As a preacher, he was plain, practical, pointed and earnest, yet ever sprightly and interesting both to young and old, often stopping in the midst of his discourse and singing some appropriate hymn.

His singing, indeed, was always, both in the pulpit and the prayer meetings, an instrument of power and success.

The last year of his life he was full of glory and of God. Often he would say "Religion grows better and better." "I'm happy day and night. His daily song was "I'm on my journey Home." With him old age was delightful in memories and experience, and glorious with the prospect of eternal life. He was indeed a happy old man, bringing sunshine into home and the circles of friendship, having a heart ever youthful as a child.

He died in the 52nd year of his ministry in the 63rd year of his christian life, and in the 78th year of his age.

"Servant of God well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past:
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last.

O happy, happy soul!
In ecstasies of praise:
Long as eternal ages roll
Thou seest thy Savior's face!"

REV. FRANCIS MARION CHATHAM.

This devoted and fervent minister of the gospel was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 15th, 1837, and died in Berlin Md., May 29th, 1878.

His parents were Joseph and Eliza A. Chatham. The early years of his life were passed in the city of his birth, and he graduated at its then famous High School, in his sixteenth year, with the highest honors. In 1859 he commenced teaching and engaged with marked success in that profession until he became an itinerant preacher. Smyrna Seminary at Smyrna, Del., was his last school, and this he left, after three years' successful work, in a highly prosperous condition.

He commenced attending the Sunday School of Union Methodist Episcopal Church at four years of age, and when quite young became the subject of deep religious impressions. He was not converted however, until Feb 11th 1858, at Berlin, Md., under the ministry of Rev. Alex. M. Wiggins, who received him into the Church Feb. 21st, 1858. In May 1858, he made profession of the blessing of holiness and was earnest in explaining and advocating the doctrine throughout the remainder of his life.

He was licensed to exhort Nov. 20th, 1858, by Rev. J. W. Hammersley; licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Smyrna Circuit, Del., in 1861; ordained Deacon in St. George's Church, Phila., in 1866; received into the Philadelphia Annual Conference as a Probationer, March, 1868; received into full connection in the Wilmington Annual Conference in March, 1870; and ordained Elder in March, 1872.

His appointments were:—1868, Junior Preacher on Talbot Circuit Md.; 1869—70—71, Scott Church, Wilmington Del.; 1872—73, Kent Circuit, Md.; 1874—75, Chestertown, Md.

During his pastoral term in Wilmington, Scott Church was nearly completed in consequence of his energy; and his term of service in Chestertown was marked by the erection of the beautiful brick structure now occupied by the society which he served.

He was married April 27th, 1870, to Miss Annie D. Carrow of Smyrna, Del., who, with their three children,—Frank, John E. and Carrow,—survived him. The babe, Carrow, has since joined his father.

Brother Chatham was a loving and tender husband and father. In truth the affectionateness of his disposition was ever visible. His friendships were warm and lasting, and the love which he bore for his brethren in the ministry, for his Conference, and for the Methodist Episcopal Church, was beautiful and inspiring.

Thoroughly convinced that he was divinely called to the ministry, he delighted in the work and prepared for its varied duties with earnest prayer and close study of the Bible, and books, and men. His sermons were plain, earnest expositions of the truth, presented with conscientious directness, and with no attempt at ornamentation; they breathed the earnest spirit of the devoted disciple of Jesus Christ, and often the Spirit of power accompanied the persuasive tones of his tremulous, tearful voice, as he urged the impenitent to repent, and the believer to hope and struggle into higher life.

Remarkably faithful in pastoral visiting, he knew and sympathized with the home-experiences of nearly all the people of his charge, and, in consequence, was much beloved by them. Perhaps there was no department of his work for which he was more peculiarly adapted and in which he was more happy and efficient than the Sunday School.

While stationed at Chestertown, his already failing health gave signs of breaking down, and he was admonished to be careful and not to attempt too much work. To him the necessity of this caution could not be made apparent. On Sunday morning, July 18th, 1875, he was preaching in his pulpit, when his hearers were horror stricken by his sudden fall to the floor, where he remained in unconsciousness for sometime before he could be removed

to his home. From this stroke of paralysis and its consequences, he never entirely recovered, and although after resting for a few weeks, he returned to his pulpit, it was evident that, for a time at least, he must retire from the active work. In March, 1876, he was made "Supernumerary without work." He never preached again.

For two weeks prior to his death he was confined to bed but was a patient sufferer, full of praises to God. On the Lord's day morning immediately preceding his release, his affectionate mother, whom he loved intensely, asked him if he was asleep: he replied, "O No, I have been awake an hour or more praising the Lord and making melody in my heart." He then quoted a Psalm of praise. The day of his departure was a happy one to him; he declared—"For me to die is gain,"—and sent the message to all of his friends—"I am ready to go." His mortal remains await the last trump, in Lafayette Cemetery, Philadelphia.

REV. EDWARD G. IRWIN.

Rev. Edward G. Irwin departed this life on Wednesday, March 12th, 1879, the 50th year of his age. He was born near Port Deposit, Cecil Co., Md., August 23rd, 1829. In his 22nd year he was converted to God under the ministry of Rev. Jonas Bissey, at Elk Ridge. He joined the Mt. Rocky Methodist Episcopal Church, and immediately entered upon a career of usefulness, became superintendent of the Sunday-school, and within two years after his conversion was licensed to exhort and to preach.

Five years later, in 1857, he was admitted on trial in the Philadelphia Conference, and committed his life to the itinerancy.

His first charge was Laurel, in 1857, Accomac in 1858, Salisbury 1859, Lewes in 1860 and '61, Newtown the two following years, Annessex in 1864 and '65, Dorchester two years, Accomac 1868 and '69, Federalsburg one year, Maryland 1871 and '72, Camden three years following, Galena in 1876 and '77.

In the spring of 1862, when sent to Newtown, he was married to Miss Annie H. Magee of Milton, Del., who shared his life of change, self-denial, and affliction, and now sorrows his departure, but at the same time cherishes, as a precious memory, his victory over suffering and death, and rejoices amidst her tears in the assurance of meeting him in the land beyond the river where "sorrow and sighing flee away."

Bro. Irwin having entered on trial in 1857, was ordained a Deacon in 1859 by Bishop Simpson, and an Elder in 1861 by Bishop Janes. He thus graduated regularly, and during his ministry of twenty years, he acted in all things as son in the gospel, not according to his own will.

July 3rd, 1877, during his last year at Galena, his health failed, and he was compelled to resign his charge. He then moved to the city of Wilmington, thinking that the change of residence would conduce to his recovery. At the Conference a year ago he was assigned a supernumerary relation. Being thus relieved from the cares and responsibilities of a charge, he hoped for health and strength. For some time the hope was encouraged and there seemed to be a steady improvement. So great was the change, that he thought he might resume effective work at this session of our Conference.

Nothing was so near his heart as the privilege of preaching the gospel. He frequently gave expression to the desire. On Sunday the 23rd of February, he ventured to preach at Brandywine. On the following Sunday, March 2d, he preached again; this time at Union from Eph. iv; 7 verse. His sermon on the last occasion was spoken of as a remarkable effort in the clear and forcible statement of divine truth. It proved to be his

last sermon. He went home from church sick, and was speedily compelled to lie down upon his bed, never to leave it again. Ten days of very severe suffering followed, ere he was released and at rest.

Bro. Irwin was a thoughtful, earnest and good man. His ministry illustrated the worth of attention, promptitude, and fidelity. His sermons were clear, forcible and practical, rather than oratorical. He would never have been called brilliant, but was instructive, true, and emphatically faithful. We who gathered at his bedside in the dying hour, had the best evidence of the place he held in the hearts of his companion and children.

Death did not find him unprepared. When about lying down, as he felt, in all probability, to die, he said to his wife, "Well, thank the Lord I have been permitted to preach the Gospel twice more." Again he said, as he realized the nearness of approaching dissolution, "I have perfect soul-rest, I have no fear of death." At another time when his companion and doctor were moving him in his bed, he said, "Other hands beside these are around me, hands of power and hands of love."

Thus full of confidence and joy he met the grim monster and triumphed by faith in Jesus Christ our Saviour. "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his."

The funeral services took place in Union M. E. Church on Sabbath, March 16th, and on the next day his remains were taken to Milton, Del., where they will rest, until Bro. Irwin, "all immortal," will find his place at God's right hand, where there is fullness of joy, and pleasure forevermore."

Mrs. ANNIE MCINTIRE,

Daughter of James Benson, Esq., was born in St Michaels, Talbot county, Md., January 22nd 1851—died in Wyoming, Delaware, Dec. 9th, 1878.

The writer, while serving as junior preacher on Talbot Circuit in 1869, found a delightful home in her father's house, when we became acquainted with the deceased: we knew her well. She was at that time a sprightly school girl, attending the Female College in Baltimore, under the care of N. C. Brooks, LL. D., from which she graduated June 16, 1871.

Converted in her 14th year, she remained a consistent member of the Church militant till transferred to the Church triumphant.

On Feb. 26th, 1874, she was united in marriage to Rev. D. W. C. McIntire of this Conference, leaving a comfortable home to share with him the cares and anxieties of the itinerant life. Our Sister had a high appreciation of the Christian ministry, and was well qualified for a minister's wife, never murmuring or complaining, even when subjected to hardships, and inconveniences. She was a brave, true, noble, self-sacrificing woman, a help-meet indeed.

Her health soon began to decline, being a victim to consumption, but by the force of her will she bore up under this till last September, when she was confined to the house till the day of her death.

Patiently she suffered the will of her Heavenly Father, leaning upon His strong arm, till her pure spirit passed away. She left no special, dying testimony; none was needed; for her life was hid with Christ in God.

Another home is desolated, another grave made in the family lot in the Cemetery, and another happy soul has joined the blood-washed throng.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1879.

The Board of Stewards, to whose judgment you have committed the equitable distribution of the funds collected within your bounds, and from legacies left for the relief of needy claimants, are glad to know, and happy to inform you, that the aggregate amount at their disposal this year, exceeds the sum of the previous year.

This was not expected; but it is so. And we regard it as a grand commentary upon the fidelity of you, Pastors, under the blessing of Heaven, and the growing liberality of our noble people.

The case of each claimant upon your funds has been carefully considered, after ample time had been given to applicants themselves, and to the friends of those who could not be present, fairly to state their cases and represent their interests.

And we would have you believe, that if, in any case, (in your judgment,) we have erred, in allowing too much, or too little, that it should be attributed to the defective lights and shadows thrown upon the case, rather than to any inclination on our part to yield to the feeling of favoritism on the one hand, or of oppression on the other.

We take pleasure in reporting from the Districts reports, as follow:

	Apportioned.	Raised.	Deficit.
Wilmington.....	\$1,495 00	\$1,427 00	68 00
Easton.....	1,165 00	1,015 11	149 89
Dover.....	970 00	730 04	239 96
Salisbury.....	725 00	509 00	216 00
Total from Collections.....		\$3,681 15	
Chartered Fund.....		30 00	
Centenary Fund.....		180 00	
Interest on Riddle Legacy.....		120 00	
Interest on Bates' Mortgage.....		141 00	
Donation By Brother Colclazer.....		5 00	
Less Expenses.....		6 15	

Total for Distribution this year.....	\$4,157 15
Excess over last year.....	\$49 64
Apportionment this year.....	\$4,355 00

As to the assessments for the coming year, but few changes have been made. Some of the brethren not being familiar with all the facts, may think their assessment high and unequal. But, dear brethren, from our standpoint we receive no such impression.

And as you have awarded to us sufficient discretion to equitably distribute your funds, then trust to the same discretion to make the assessments; for, in both cases, we have exercised our very best judgment.

We would say to the brethren who have exceeded their apportionment this year, and to those who may exceed next year, abandon all fear that on that account your assessment will be increased by the Board of Stewards.

Hoping and praying that each claimant assisted, may receive his portion in a cheerful manner, and each Pastor, his assessment with a willing mind, we will proceed to distribute the funds.

DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE FUNDS, MARCH 19th, 1879.

Date of Claim.	Term of Service.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	POST-OFFICE.	Estimates of Quarterly Conferences.	Amount received by each Claimant.
SUPERANNUATED.					
1875	43yr	James L. Houston.....	Wilmington, Del.....	\$500 00	\$ 300 00
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1847	12yr	George Barton.....	Church Hill, Md.....	354 59	200 00
1877	35yr	John Allen.....	Newark, N. J.....		200 00
1878	28yr	A. A. Fisher.....	Federsburg, Md.....	350 00	250 00
1878	44yr	E. Miller.....	Sudlersville, Md.....	275 00	250 00
1878	37½	E. J. Way.....	53 East Broadway, Baltimore.....		100 00
1879	40yr	William Urie.....	Smyrna, Del.....	100 00	100 00
WIDOWS.					
1842	6mo	Hester A. Henderson.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	250 00	110 00
1844	3yr	Drucilla Willetts.....	Berlin, Md.....		50 00
1857	19yr	Mary Hazzard.....	Lewes, Del.....	100 00	50 00
1864	9yr	Eliza J. Magee.....	Church Creek, Md.....	200 00	166 00
1865	10yr	Carrie B. Dennison.....	Wilmington, Del.....	400 00	275 00
1868	2yr	Martha J. Purner.....	Salisbury, Md.....	350 00	125 00
1873	14yr	Rebecca M. Brandreth.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....		225 00
1876	49yr	E. W. Thompson.....	Smyrna, Del.....	100 00	100 00
1876	42yr	Mrs. Dr. Kenney.....	" ".....		250 00
1877	24yr	Ann Sutton.....	Dover, Del.....	100 00	100 00
1878	39yr	Sarah C. Curtis.....	Wilmington, Del.....		225 00
1878	15yr	Laura E. Weston.....	" ".....		300 00
1878	21yr	Mary S. Thomas.....	" ".....	300 00	275 00
1879	21yr	Annie Irwin.....	" ".....	350 00	300 00
1879	10yr	Annie D. Chatham.....	Smyrna, Del.....	200 00	200 00
Bill of expense.....					6 15
Total.....					\$4157 15

COLLECTIONS.

Wilmington District.				Easton District.			
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Am't Collected this year.	Apportionment next year.	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Am't Collected this year.	Apportionment next year.
Wilmington, Asbury...	\$150 00	\$150 38	\$150 00	Smyrna.....	\$125 00	\$126 11	\$125 00
St. Paul's.....	150 00	150 00	150 00	Smyrna Circuit.....	50 00	30 00	50 00
Union.....	80 00	80 00	80 00	Townsend.....	80 00	80 00	80 00
Scott.....	30 00	25 00	30 00	Appoquinimink.....	30 00	15 00	30 00
Grace.....	250 00	300 00	250 00	Middletown.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
Brandywine.....	25 00	19 00	25 00	Odesa.....	60 00	51 75	55 00
Mt. Salem.....	40 00	35 00	40 00	Cecilton.....	50 00	40 00	50 00
Newport and Stanton.....	35 00	17 00	35 00	Galena.....	35 00	35 00	35 00
Chester.....	30 00	20 00	30 00	Millington.....	35 00	35 00	35 00
Mt. Lebanon.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Still Pond.....	75 00	75 00	75 00
Mt. Pleasant & Claymont.....	50 00	32 00	40 00	Massey's.....	75 00	75 00	75 00
New Castle.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Chestertown.....	75 00	75 00	75 00
R. Lion, Kirkwood & Glas.....	25 00	25 00	30 00	Kent.....	55 00	55 00	55 00
Christiana.....	20 00	15 00	25 00	Sudlersville.....	45 00	40 00	45 00
St. George's & Summit.....	50 00	35 00	35 00	Church Hill.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Delaware City.....	30 00	20 00	25 00	Centreville.....	50 00	50 00	50 00
Port Penn.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	Queenstown.....	15 00	12 00	15 00
Bethel.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	Kent Island.....	40 00	24 25	40 00
Chesapeake City.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Easton.....	45 00	45 00	45 00
Newark and Wesley.....	35 00	20 00	35 00	St. Michael's.....	50 00	43 00	50 00
Cherry Hill.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Royal Oak.....	20 00	12 50	15 00
Elkton.....	65 00	65 00	65 00	Talbot.....	25 00	7 00	25 00
North East.....	40 00	50 00	40 00	Trappe.....	30 00	17 00	30 00
Elk Neck.....	10 00	3 00	10 00	Hillsborough.....	30 00	20 00	30 00
Port Deposit.....	75 00	75 00	75 00	Greensboro & Bridgetown.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Rising Sun.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	King's Creek.....	10 00	10 00	15 00
Zion.....	55 00	55 00	55 00	Denton.....	60 00	35 00	60 00
Charlestown.....	20 00	5 00	20 00	Marydel.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
	\$1495 00	\$1427 00	\$1475 00		\$1165 00	\$1015 11	\$1185 00

Dover District.				Salisbury District.			
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Am't collected this year.	Apportionment next year.	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Am't collected this year.	Apportionment next year.
Dover.....	\$125 00	\$100 00	\$125 00	Salisbury.....	\$30 00	\$25 00	\$30 00
Leipsic and Raymonds.....	30 00	25 00	30 00	Fruitland.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Camden.....	50 00	30 00	50 00	Delmar.....	20 00	15 00	20 00
Wyoming.....	30 00	20 00	30 00	Laurel.....	50 00	50 00	50 00
Felton.....	25 00	20 00	25 00	Lewisville.....	10 00	6 00	15 00
Frederica.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	Parsonsburg.....	15 00	10 00	15 00
Barrett's & Milford Neck.....	15 00	15 00	15 00	Bethesda.....	10 00	.....	.....
Milford.....	75 00	30 80	65 00	Gumborough.....	25 00	13 00	25 00
Harrington.....	60 00	60 00	60 00	Frankford.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Lincoln.....	30 00	11 00	25 00	Roxana.....	40 00	23 00	40 00
Ellendale.....	20 00	20 00	25 00	Berlin.....	25 00	15 00	25 00
Georgetown.....	30 00	26 00	30 00	Snow Hill.....	40 00	20 00	40 00
Milton.....	35 00	20 00	35 00	Chincoteague.....	25 00	1 00	10 00
Lewes.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Newtown & Stockton.....	25 00	15 00	40 00
Millsborough.....	20 00	7 00	20 00	Accomac.....	35 00	18 00	35 00
Bridgeville.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	Crisfield.....	30 00	17 00	30 00
Seaford.....	25 00	5 50	30 00	Asbury.....	30 00	25 00	30 00
Federalburg.....	50 00	40 00	50 00	Annamessex.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Galestown.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Fairmount.....	50 00	50 00	60 00
Dorchester.....	60 00	31 00	60 00	Princess Anne.....	75 00	48 00	65 00
Cambridge.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Deal's Island.....	50 00	20 00	50 00
Beekwith's & Spedden's.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Holland's Island.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Church Creek.....	30 00	6 74	15 00	Quantico.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Woodlandtown.....	20 00	2 00	10 00	Sharptown.....	15 00	8 00	15 00
Hooper's Island.....	.....	.....	10 00				
	\$970 00	\$730 04	\$970 00		\$725 00	\$509 00	\$725 00

Apportionment for Missionary, and other Collections.

Wilmington District.								Dover District.							
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freedmen's Aid.	Conf. Acad'y Bonds	Episcopal Fund.	Church Relief.	Gen'l Conference.	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freedmen's Aid.	Conf. Acad'y Bonds	Episcopal Fund.	Church Relief.	Gen'l Conference.
St. Paul's.....	600	100	85	32	16	18	10	Leipsic & Raymond's	40	7	6	15	5	8	8
Union.....	500	90	65	32	15	17	10	Camden.....	100	25	10	28	14	7	7
Scott.....	175	35	25	20	12	14	7	Wyoming.....	40	6	6	15	6	4	4
Grace.....	1,500	200	175	80	35	36	20	Felton.....	50	10	7	15	10	10	10
Epworth.....	25	10	8	5	5	5	3	Frederica.....	120	25	10	23	13	15	15
Brandywine.....	50	30	8	10	8	9	7	Barrett's & Milr'd Nk	30	6	5	10	4	6	6
Mt. Salem.....	225	15	25	25	16	18	10	Milford.....	155	17	10	23	13	15	15
Newport.....	100	10	10	20	14	16	10	Harrington.....	125	17	10	22	13	15	15
Chester.....	50	10	8	15	16	12	7	Lincoln.....	30	5	4	13	6	5	5
Mt. Lebanon.....	40	10	8	12	8	10	7	Ellendale.....	30	5	4	13	6	5	5
Mt. Pleasant.....	35	10	8	15	10	12	7	Georgetown.....	50	10	7	20	10	10	10
Claymont.....	15	5	4	5	8	8	2	Milton.....	75	10	7	20	8	10	10
New Castle.....	120	15	10	20	16	18	16	Lewes.....	100	17	9	23	11	14	7
Red Lion & Glasgow.....	60	10	8	15	10	12	7	Millsborough.....	50	10	7	23	10	10	10
Christiana.....	80	10	8	12	10	12	7	Bridgeville.....	400	30	25	30	16	35	9
St. George's & Summit.....	50	12	10	20	15	16	10	Seaford.....	50	17	7	20	10	10	10
Delaware City.....	40	10	8	12	10	10	7	Federalburg.....	100	17	10	23	13	14	7
Bethel.....	80	12	10	17	10	10	10	Galestown.....	25	5	4	12	5	5	5
Chesapeake City.....	50	12	10	15	10	10	7	Dorchester.....	100	20	10	25	12	15	15
Newark & Wesley.....	100	12	10	17	12	12	7	Cambridge.....	50	14	7	16	8	10	6
Cherry Hill.....	60	12	10	17	12	12	7	Beekwith's & Sped'n's	40	10	6	16	8	9	5
Elkton.....	220	25	20	25	12	12	7	Church Creek.....	15	3	4	10	4	5	2
North East.....	120	20	15	20	10	10	7	Woodlandtown.....	25	7	5	12	5	7	2
Elk Neck.....	20	5	5	12	5	8	3								
Port Deposit.....	250	40	35	25	15	15	9								
Rising Sun.....	120	15	10	20	12	12	5								
Zion.....	175	25	20	25	15	15	10								
Charlestown.....	50	10	10	15	10	10	5								
	\$5,405	\$870	\$718	\$590	\$353	\$419	\$227		\$2,200	\$330	\$216	\$627	\$225	\$305	\$130

Easton District.								Salisbury District.							
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freedmen's Aid.	Conf. Acad'y Bonds	Epis. opal Fund.	Church Relief.	Gen'l Conference.	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freedman's Aid.	Conf. Acad'y Bonds	Episcopal Fund.	Church Relief.	Gen'l Conference.
Smyrna Circuit.....	80	20	14	18	8	12	5	Asbury.....	50	15	7	12	6	6	3
Townsend.....	15	5	8	8	3	3	3	Annamessex.....	80	25	15	25	10	15	5
Appoquinimink.....	30	9	9	7	6	6	3	Berlin.....	50	15	8	20	6	8	4
Middletown.....	200	30	20	26	13	20	7	Chincoteague.....	20	5	5	10	5	5	3
Odesa.....	200	30	20	26	12	20	7	Crisfield.....	60	15	7	13	8	7	4
Cecilton.....	125	27	18	25	10	15	5	Delmar.....	60	25	8	15	8	10	5
Galena.....	80	20	16	20	8	10	5	Deal's Island.....	75	20	8	25	10	8	4
Millington.....	100	24	16	20	10	10	5	Fruitland.....	50	10	5	10	5	5	3
Still Pond.....	140	30	20	26	12	18	6	Frankford.....	60	15	8	25	10	8	4
Chestertown.....	200	30	20	26	12	18	6	Fairmount.....	125	25	10	25	12	12	5
Kent.....	125	30	20	20	12	15	6	Gumborough.....	75	15	10	15	10	10	4
Sudlersville.....	100	20	20	20	12	15	6	Holland's Island.....	20	5	3	5	3	3	2
Church Hill.....	60	15	14	20	8	10	5	Laurel.....	120	25	12	25	10	15	5
Centreville.....	100	24	16	20	10	10	5	Lewisville.....	40	7	3	15	4	3	2
Queenstown.....	30	9	6	12	5	6	4	Parsonsburg.....	20	5	3	10	5	5	3
Kent Island.....	60	15	14	18	10	10	4	Princess Anne.....	120	25	12	25	12	15	5
Easton.....	125	30	20	25											

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.										SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.										CHURCH PROPERTY.					SPECIAL.	
	MEMBERSHIP.					SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.					SPECIAL.											
	Probationers.	Members.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars 15 yrs & over.	Scholars under 15, except Infant Class.	Scholars in Int. Class.	Average Attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	Library Books.	Total expenses of the Schools this year.	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.		Members or Prob. Officers & Teachers.	Sch. Ch. Members or Probationers.	Conversions.	Churches.	Probable value.	Parsonages.	Probable value.	Am't raised for building & improving Chs. & Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Chs. and Parsonages.		No. of Advocates taken.
Wilmington—Asbury.....	66	575	3,240	13	20	1	72	466	150	210	106	350	267	240	74	36	72	180	38	1	1	30,000	1	4,000	400	700	24
“ St. Paul's.....	40	364	4,676	6	4	7	35	700	350	175	175	347	267	240	36	70	180	38	2	1	42,000	1	5,000	403	3,000	00	
“ Union.....	45	560	3,571	7	35	1	75	700	350	175	175	347	267	240	36	70	180	38	2	1	42,000	1	5,000	403	3,000	00	
“ Scott.....	47	298	3,424	2	35	2	36	450	115	150	90	257	216	240	35	35	265	40	3	1	22,000	1	2,000	500	2,000	31	
“ Grace.....	60	625	5,808	8	30	4	141	1,000	400	275	325	500	650	650	11	29	20	38	1	3	225,000	1	1,000	1,000	59,000	30	
“ Brandywine.....	46	101	1,212	10	1	1	30	185	45	91	49	118	151	151	11	29	20	38	1	3	6,000	1	6,000	268	268	2	
“ City Mission.....	9	216	2,313	1	19	2	40	320	115	170	35	220	250	175	25	40	40	2	2	1	3,000	1	11,000	11,000	1,000	14	
Mt. Salem.....	71	214	1,371	7	7	2	30	200	30	350	60	150	217	175	4	95	58	36	2	2	9,500	1	3,000	600	1,000	11	
Newport and Stanton.....	2	124	1,412	1	2	1	15	75	35	30	20	54	217	40	40	15	20	2	1	1	14,000	1	55	5,500	5,500	00	
Chester.....	4	95	1,111	1	1	1	17	50	18	41	10	35	107	27	66	36	8	24	10	1	4,000	1	50	50	2,000	14	
Mt. Lebanon.....	10	04	1,111	0	0	2	17	85	43	35	35	300	700	35	25	6	17	26	1	1	12,000	1	2,000	500	1,000	15	
Mt. Pleasant and Claymont.....	101	207	1,371	24	37	1	40	350	245	50	75	300	700	225	30	70	200	20	25	20	14,000	1	2,000	80	1,000	00	
New Castle.....	25	125	1,111	1	1	2	30	297	100	175	22	200	775	162	13	36	50	10	3	3	9,500	1	800	800	600	8	
Red Lion, Kirkwood & Glasgow.....	152	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7,000	1	1,000	1,000	1,000	13	
Christiana.....	47	140	1,111	5	11	7	30	150	40	80	30	125	300	75	00	10	30	25	11	2	7,000	1	2,000	1,000	1,000	23	
St. George's and Summit.....	13	115	1,111	1	3	25	1	5	40	20	10	30	100	42	15	90	16	5	1	1	1,000	1	2,000	200	200	18	
Delaware City.....	473	2	6	2	1	5	40	20	10	30	100	42	15	90	16	5	1	1	1	1	1,000	1	2,000	200	200	18	
Port Penn.....	20	104	1,111	1	2	33	1	19	145	45	35	230	225	8	10	18	17	3	2	2	3,000	1	2,500	71	71	00	
Bethel.....	180	2	1	9	3	41	228	84	105	75	152	133	30	15	18	17	3	2	2	11,500	1	2,500	40	40	18		
Chesapeake City.....	28	238	4,116	8	4	56	239	76	119	44	268	140	30	160	30	50	28	7	2	4	11,000	1	3,000	30	30	30	
Newark and Wesley.....	12	380	3,449	4	49	4	60	490	198	142	80	298	768	344	30	65	28	3	2	2	11,000	1	2,000	100	100	24	
Elkton.....	5	200	1,111	1	14	3	45	80	70	25	160	290	65	65	00	11	22	16	2	2	3,000	1	2,000	100	100	3	
North East.....	21	59	1,111	1	4	2	22	125	31	69	25	65	300	171	00	7	30	64	8	4	40,000	2	5,000	834	834	3	
Elk Neck.....	15	238	1,111	2	24	1	34	331	94	110	127	418	170	170	00	3	30	64	8	4	40,000	2	5,000	834	834	3	
Port Deposit.....	13	274	1,111	2	8	9	60	300	130	37	200	590	115	115	00	18	47	2	4	4	20,000	1	3,000	1,200	1,200	25	
Rising Sun.....	54	353	4,719	6	4	48	330	245	85	300	900	115	115	115	00	18	47	2	4	4	20,000	1	3,000	1,200	1,200	17	
Zion.....	10	222	1,371	3	2	25	200	50	50	50	125	400	65	65	11	25	35	5	4	4	10,000	1	3,000	1,200	1,200	17	
Charlestown.....	772	6,417	45,981	47	425	62	1053	6989	2687	2244	1541	5323	17795	53,804	55	776	544	1008	1519	563	50	58,800	14	37,500	46,721	80,623	00

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 2.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										RECEIPTS.										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
	ESTIMATES.					RECEIPTS.					MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.					RECEIPTS.					BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
	For support of Bishops.	Presiding Elder.	Senior Preacher.	Junior Preacher.	Church Relief.	Amount received for support of Bishops.	Presiding Elder.	Senior Preacher.	Junior Preacher.	Parsonage Rent.	Conference.	Claimants.	From Church.	From S. Schools.	Total for Missions.	Women's For'n. Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	S. S. Union.	Tract Society.	Free Men's Aid Soc.	Education.	Conference Education.	Bible.							
Wilmington—Asbury.....	\$800	\$140	\$140	\$1200	\$1800	\$800	\$400	\$1200	\$1200	\$500	\$500	\$270	\$45	\$302	\$193	\$59	\$40	\$10	\$15	\$27	\$35	\$5	\$12							
“ St. Paul's.....	16	100	100	1200	1800	1600	800	1200	276	150	20	17	302	302	529	40	18	6	6	10	10	10								
“ Union.....	15	106	100	1200	1800	1500	800	1200	276	150	20	17	302	302	529	40	18	6	6	10	10	10								
“ Scott.....	12	00	53	900	900	1000	500	900	180	25	30	45	45	45	45	21	13	5	5	10	20	5								
“ Grace.....	35	00	230	900	900	2500	900	900	394	300	19	3	805	805	1200	155	64	375	45	25	20	5								
“ Brandywine.....	5	00	40	700	700	700	400	700	144	35	35	35	35	35	38	25	1	30	25	25	10	50								
“ City Mission.....	16	00	56	1000	1000	1000	500	1000	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	25	1	1	1	1	2	50								
Mt. Salem.....	14	00	40	800	800	800	400	800	60	20	16	7	46	46	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
Newport and Stanton.....	10	00	36	600	600	600	300	600	60	20	16	7	46	46	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
Chester.....	8	00	36	600	600	600	300	600	60	20	16	7	46	46	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
Mt. Lebanon.....	11	00	50	700	700	700	350	700	32	30	30	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2								
New Castle.....	16	00	56	1200	1200	1200	600	1200	40	40	40	10	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2								
Red Lion, Kirkwood & Glasgow.....	10	00	40	600	600	600	300	600	250	40	40	55	55	55	60	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
Christiana.....	8	00	42	650	650	650	300	650	80	25	25	25	25	25	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
St. George's and Summit.....	10	00	55	900	900	900	400	900	35	35	35	12	37	37	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
Delaware City.....	10	00	40	600	600	600	300	600	20	20	15	15	13	13	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
Port Penn.....	10	00	50	800	800	800	400	800	35	35	35	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
Bethel.....	10	00	50	800	800	800	400	800	35	35	35	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
Chesapeake City.....	12	00	48	1000	1000	1000	500	1000	100	50	30	20	20	20	20	2	2	2	2	2	2	2								
Newark and Wesley.....	12	00	48	1000	1000	1000	500	1000	100	50	30	20	20	20	20	2	2	2	2	2	2	2								
Elkton.....	12	00	40	800	800	800	400	800	35	35	30	5	60	60	60	5	5	5	5	5	5	5								
North East.....	8	00	54	700	700	700	350	700	175	65	63	63	74	74	74	238	00	2	2	2	2	2								
Elk Neck.....	12	00	40	400	400	400	200	400	75	30	6	6	10	10	10	135	00	1	1	1	1	1								
Port Deposit.....	12	00	76	1200	1200	1200	600	1200	75	75	3	6	6	6	6	75	00	1	1	1	1	1								
Rising Sun.....	12	00	48																											

EASTON DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 1.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.										SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.										CHURCH PROPERTY.					SPECIAL No. of Advocates taken.						
	Probationers.	Members.	Local Preachers.	Leaths.	Adults.	Children.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars 15 yrs & over.	Scholars under 15.	Scholars in Inf. Class.	Average attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	Library Books.	Total expenses of the Schools this year.	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.	Officers & T'ch'rs Ch. Memb's or Probat'rs.	Scholars Ch. Memb's or Probationers.	Conversions.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Amt. raised for bldg & improv'g Churches and Parsonages.		Indebtedness on Ch. Parsonages.					
Smyrna.	48	576	1	4	59	3	56	458	173	155	63	287	760	441	19	44	30	95	101	81	2	25,000	1	10,000	2,500	200 00	8500	40				
Smyrna Circuit.	47	322	1	2	23	10	5	96	414	200	214	287	760	441	19	44	21	95	101	81	2	25,000	1	10,000	2,500	1400 00	8500	22				
Townsend.	32	71	1	1	1	1	13	65	25	15	25	50	100	38	60	0	13	27	16	1	10	10,000	1	2,500	1400 00	8500	22	10				
Appoquinimink.	12	800	10	3	18	2	25	80	80	80	80	80	80	15	60	10	33	40	2	1	8,000	1	1,000	1,000	300	300	31	1				
Middletown.	17	226	4	3	13	1	31	226	60	97	69	100	439	192	66	75	20	30	36	2	9,000	1	4,000	1250 00	1000	4	4	14				
Odessa.	4	197	4	3	13	1	30	175	62	36	77	157	433	149	66	5	32	32	21	1	9,000	1	4,000	50 00	1000	14	4	14				
Cecilton.	70	195	7	4	43	2	36	158	45	113	104	232	433	68	37	5	46	30	20	3	10,000	1	1,500	579 00	350	22	22	43				
Galena.	75	147	2	4	18	30	4	46	227	83	97	47	107	58	60	5	46	30	20	3	10,000	1	4,000	200 00	350	22	22	43				
Millington.	15	192	2	1	2	8	2	30	150	40	95	15	100	20	60	25	28	120	16	1	13,500	1	4,000	200 00	350	22	22	43				
Still Pond.	17	191	2	1	5	34	1	31	163	83	50	30	155	50	60	25	28	120	16	1	10,000	1	4,000	200 00	350	22	22	43				
Chesterdown.	42	250	3	2	28	6	62	370	145	215	22	275	500	150	00	18	22	75	45	27	19	6	10,000	1	1,500	25 00	120	10	10			
Kent.	71	353	2	5	4	37	8	78	280	112	168	245	812	135	00	18	22	75	45	27	19	6	10,000	1	1,500	25 00	120	10	10			
Sudlersville.	53	148	3	1	26	4	29	217	49	87	65	120	450	275	00	22	35	125	15	2	4	6,000	1	2,000	350 00	200	19	19				
Church Hill.	40	256	4	2	18	2	35	200	180	40	80	250	300	29	03	50	6	20	25	4	3	5,000	1	2,000	266 50	50	4	4				
Centreville.	14	114	3	1	10	3	16	110	25	75	25	125	100	29	03	50	6	20	25	4	3	5,000	1	2,000	266 50	50	4	4				
Queenstown.	22	137	4	2	12	2	20	211	75	68	68	180	100	40	00	25	20	42	14	1	17,000	1	5,500	3200 00	1000	18	18	18				
Easton.	25	220	4	12	2	2	20	211	75	68	68	180	100	40	00	25	20	42	14	1	17,000	1	5,500	3200 00	1000	18	18	18				
St. Michael's.	40	350	10	5	25	1	22	324	118	172	316	172	316	137	00	14	10	8	4	1	4,000	1	650	750 00	100	3	3	3				
Royal Oak.	2	68	1	2	11	2	12	40	10	19	35	315	200	30	00	24	20	50	10	4	7,000	1	3,000	150 00	200	3	3	3				
Talbot.	67	206	6	1	66	4	20	275	50	25	200	600	300	100	00	24	20	50	10	4	7,000	1	3,000	150 00	200	3	3	3				
Trappe.	15	225	1	7	6	20	4	48	210	60	110	40	140	85	00	20	17	24	5	4	3,000	1	1,000	250 00	600	12	12	12				
Hillsborough.	66	260	1	2	15	23	3	30	150	50	35	75	110	65	00	10	12	25	10	4	5,000	1	4,000	500 00	600	12	12	12				
Greensborough and Bridgetown.	20	130	2	3	8	20	4	15	130	40	30	60	100	25	00	20	12	25	10	4	5,000	1	4,000	500 00	600	12	12	12				
King's Creek.	86	540	5	8	20	9	130	598	260	338	1000	1000	1000	120	00	80	20	125	230	7	19,200	1	2000 00	2000 00	700	6	6	6				
Denton.	300	3	4	3	7	4	24	220	200	200	200	400	400	35	00	38	24	18	22	4	9,500	1	2,000	2000 00	300	6	6	6				
Marvdel.	997	6334	24	112	134	633	89	1039	6451	2042	2088	1056	3798	10621	2553	85	371	441	930	1236	310	83	244	200	20	84	956	31	1,198	56	14,670	350

EASTON DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 2.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																										
	ESTIMATES.					RECEIPTS.					MISSIONS.					BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																					
For support of Bishops.	Senior Preacher.	Junior Preacher.	Church Relief.	Amt rec'd for support of B'ps.	Presiding Elder.	Senior Preacher.	Junior Preacher.	Parsonage Rent.	Conferece Claimants.	From Church.	From S. School.	Total for Miss.	Woman's For'n Mis.	Board of Church Ex.	S. S. Union.	Tract Society.	Fredmen's Aid Soc.	Education.	Conference Education.	Bible.																	
\$ 6 00	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 20	\$ 6 00	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 120	\$ 120	\$ 126	\$ 98	\$ 14	\$ 46	\$ 98	\$ 11	\$ 10	\$ 4	\$ 50	\$ 4	\$ 21	\$ 21																	
8 00	750	719	21	51	78	32	2	30	30	2	14	22	100	10	4	4	2	13	13	8																	
3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	7 00	20	35	14	14	2	2	20	22	1 00	1 00	50	50	1 00	1 00	1 50	8 75																	
12 00	75	1000	5	12	75	1000	1000	60	60	122	195	317	74	13	3	3	3	7	7	1 00																	
10 00	75	800	4	10	75	800	800	51	51	67	98	217	30	15	6	6	6	15	15	1 00																	
8 00	60	800	4	8	60	800	800	40	40	67	98	217	30	15	6	6	6	15	15	1 00																	
10 00	64	700	10	10	60	700	700	35	35	60	100	100	70	8	3	3	3	3	3	1 00																	
12 00	70	900	18	12	70	900	900	75	75	43	38	96	14	4	3	3	3	3	3	1 00																	
12 00	64	700	18	12	70	700	700	75	75	55	55	75	14	4	3	3	3	3	3	1 00																	
12 00	64	700	3	8	58	700	700	55	55	18	20	72	14	4	3	3	3	3	3	1 00																	
8 00	65	700	10	8	64	700	700	40	40	24	24	24	14	2	2	2	2	2	2	1 00																	
10 00	62	750	10	10	62	750	750	30	30	30	30	30	14	3	3	3	3	3	3	1 00																	
10 00	60	700	5	3	60	700	700	12	12	24	24	24	14	3	3	3	3	3	3	1 00																	
12 00	70	1000	16	12	70	1000	1000	45	45	13	99	110	29	6	6	6	6	6	6	1 00																	
5 00	24	300	5	5	24	300	300	12	12	15	15	15	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	1 00																	
5 00	32	500	1	2	32	500	500	7	7	23	23	23	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	1 00																	
5 00	64	800	5	5	64	800	800	17	17	10	10	10	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	1 00																	
5 00	45	500	4	4	45	500	500	100	100	15	15	15	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	1 00																	
10 00	25	800	2	5	25	800	800	40	40	22	22	22	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	1 00																	
11 00	75	800	2	11	75	800	800	8	8	20	20	20	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	1 00																	
5 00	50	600	5	5	50	600	600	80	80	45	45	45	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	1 00																	
1236 00	1430	18710	550	132	50	216	50	1325	78	17736	21	550	455	987	86	1017	65	1036	15	2181	80	266	25	137	00	68	00	62	00	76	75	139	14	43	13	143	75

DOVER DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. I.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.										SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.										CHURCH PROPERTY.					PE-CIAL		
	Probationers.	Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars 15 yrs & over.	Scholars under 15, except Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	Library Books.	Total expenses of the Schools this year.	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.	Officers & Teachers Ch. Memb's or Probationers.	Scholars Ch. Memb's or Probationers.	Conversions.	Churches.	Probable value.	Parsonages.	Probable value.	Amt. raised for building and improving Chrs. & Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Chs. & Parsonages.	No. of Advocates taken.			
Dover.....	30	394	9	7	1	1	46	453	313	33	107	352	311	120	46	42	275	8	1	16,000	1	5,000	400	196	33			
Leipsic and Raymond's.....	5	105	3	2	2	2	14	108	54	54	30	75	200	30	20	14	25	2	2,000	1	1,000	105	90	6				
Camden.....	322	464	2	6	63	56	7	106	580	228	212	457	778	166	72	41	112	110	6	10,000	1	1,975	105	15				
Wyoming.....	42	194	1	6	3	24	253	100	106	106	47	201	413	56	15	8	44	35	4	2,500	1	1,000	105	6				
Felton.....	34	201	1	2	5	3	24	253	100	106	47	201	413	56	15	8	44	35	4	2,500	1	1,000	105	6				
Frederica.....	69	195	1	7	2	19	4	35	300	130	120	150	400	40	20	29	60	15	9,000	1	2,500	105	18					
Barrett's Chapel and Milford Neck.....	196	182	1	2	6	2	59	408	176	115	117	259	950	245	00	10	30	150	192	2	2,500	1	4,000	20				
Milford.....	21	208	1	7	4	15	8	105	62	235	275	150	375	90	00	10	25	70	20	13,000	1	2,000	105	7				
Harrington.....	44	253	2	2	1	20	5	35	328	159	107	37	240	150	10	12	25	70	20	13,000	1	2,000	105	7				
Lancolin.....	12	258	1	6	4	15	6	54	269	200	78	62	123	277	19	46	1	37	43	5,000	1	1,500	105	7				
Georgetown.....	25	290	2	5	4	16	2	30	214	72	58	84	160	585	48	24	6	22	38	4	5,000	1	1,500	105	7			
Ellendale.....	16	236	1	6	3	1	27	165	66	31	48	124	240	50	00	22	18	30	1	7,500	1	3,250	1,200	8				
Milton.....	16	236	1	6	3	1	27	165	66	31	48	124	240	50	00	22	18	30	1	7,500	1	3,250	1,200	8				
Lewes.....	35	358	3	4	3	32	8	50	450	175	125	150	300	325	30	00	6	30	25	8,000	1	1,000	150	33				
Mill-borough.....	35	358	3	4	3	32	8	50	450	175	125	150	300	325	30	00	6	30	25	8,000	1	1,000	150	33				
Bridgetown.....	33	263	3	6	8	2	44	284	8	117	85	152	186	158	00	30	40	71	38	4,300	1	2,000	200	33				
Seaford.....	115	430	6	5	24	6	80	475	193	282	312	587	93	00	27	20	70	71	38	12,500	1	2,000	200	33				
Federalsburg.....	90	188	1	2	36	4	59	260	60	200	180	275	25	00	10	59	100	30	5	2,500	1	800	200	10				
Galestown.....	154	320	6	4	6	25	7	85	325	275	275	275	25	00	10	59	100	30	5	2,500	1	800	200	10				
Dorchester.....	87	208	1	5	6	17	1	23	192	69	37	86	140	116	45	91	40	7	23	62	35	130	13					
Peckwith and Spedden's.....	63	120	1	2	12	2	15	200	75	95	30	140	40	75	21	46	10	14	39	39	2	5,500	1	800	174	3		
Church Creek.....	30	157	2	3	1	20	1	50	25	25	40	75	21	46	10	10	10	10	1	400	1	400	174	3				
Woodlandtown.....	30	157	2	3	1	20	1	50	25	25	40	75	21	46	10	10	10	10	1	400	1	400	174	3				
Hooper's Island.....	1489	6680	42	103	438	393	93	1202	7568	2788	2560	1612	5477	8276	1512	43	255	395	901	1835	693	88	171,100	13	22,500	88,380	50	313

*2 Reports: i from P. in charge, and r from the Trustees.

DOVER DISTRICT—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 2.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																											
	For support of Bishops.	For support of Presiding Elders.	Senior Preacher.	Junior Preacher.	Church Relief.	Amount received for support of Bishops.	Presiding Elder.	Senior Preacher.	Junior Preacher.	Parsonage rent.	Conferences.	From Church.	From S. Schools.	Total for Missions.	Woman's For'n Missions.	Board of Church Extension.	S. S. Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid Soc.	Education.	Conference Education Society.	Bible.																
Dover.....	5	40	500	1200	200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Camden.....	88	750	300	735	450	295	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Wyoming.....	10	40	650	800	600	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Felton.....	16	80	800	800	800	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Frederica.....	4	32	400	400	400	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Barrett's Chapel & Milford Neck.....	15	85	1000	1000	1000	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Milford.....	13	85	800	800	800	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Harrington.....	6	40	600	600	600	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Lancolin.....	6	40	600	600	600	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Ellendale.....	6	40	600	600	600	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Georgetown.....	10	55	700	700	700	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Milton.....	8	50	650	650	650	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Lewes.....	11	60	910	910	910	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Mill-borough.....	16	9	750	750	750	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Seaford.....	10	60	800	800	800	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Federalsburg.....	12	65	800	800	800	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Dorchester.....	15	60	800	800	800	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Cambridge.....	8	48	600	600	600	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Beckwith and Spedden's.....	4	50	500	500	500	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Church Creek.....	5	40	500	500	500	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Woodlandtown.....	5	40	500	500	500	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100															
Hooper's Island.....	209	1195	16375	15000	87	86	172	17	1159	9212	482	52	1,230	967	722	24	1116	32	556	77	1728	09	148	62	96	59	45	05	50	18	74	71	336	27	38	40	171	71

*\$4.23 from Chapel S. S.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.—No. 1.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.				CHURCH PROPERTY.																				
	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Adults.	Children.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Schools of all ages.	Scholars 15 years and over.	Scholars under 15 except Inf. Class.	Sch's in Inf. Class.	Avg attend'ce of Teach & Sch's.	Library Books.	Total expenses of Schools this year.	S.S. Adv's taken.	S. S. Journals.	Off. & Tech. Sch. Mem's or Prob's.	Schools, Ch. Mem's or Prob's.	Conversions.	Churches.	Probable value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable value.	Amount raised for building Churches and Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages.	Chr. Adv. taken.			
Wilmington.	772	6417	98	147	425	62	1053	6989	2687	2244	1541	5233	11707	3,804	55	776	544	1008	1599	363	50	584,800	14	37,500	16,721	80,323	00	417	
Easton.	997	6324	24	112	134	615	89	1033	6451	2042	2688	1056	10621	2,553	85	371	441	930	1236	316	83	244,200	20	46,650	11,108	44,970	00	350	
Dover.	189	6680	43	103	138	393	93	1202	7568	2788	2560	1612	5427	8076	43	255	395	901	1885	683	88	171,110	13	21,500	8,380	8,068	50	313	
Salisbury.	912	6388	36	102	48	786	86	932	5653	1822	2223	853	5522	833	92	121	238	338	1207	385	85	199,700	12	17,300	3,594	4	675	00	216
Total this year.	4170	25810	147	415	467	2239	330	4220	26661	9349	9115	5062	17823	8,704	75	1523	1618	3677	5857	1747	306	1,199,800	59	122,950	39,893	65	107,966	50	1327
Total last year.	4662	24932	142	356	327	2133	323	4344	25460	8799	9416	4855	16355	8,775	51	1749	1610	3553	3503	1568	306	1,199,912	55	118,700	31,018	104,973	95	1327	
Increase.	887	59	140	106	7	124	1201	690	301	207	1468	2402	8,704	70	76	8	122	354	179	19	10,112	4	4,250	8,875	55	3,022	55	.....
Decrease.	492

*Exclusive of Milford Church.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.—No. 2.

DISTRICTS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.				RECEIPTS.				MISSIONS.				BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																							
	For Support of Presiding Elders.	Senior Preacher.	Junior Preacher.	Amount raised for Eps. Fund.	Presiding Elder.	Senior Preacher.	Junior Preacher.	Parsonage Rent.	Conference Claimants.	From Churches.	From S. Schools.	Total.	Women's For. Mis. Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	S. S. Union.	Tract Society.	Preachers' Aid Soc.	Education.	Conference Educa. tion Society.	Bible.																
Wilmington.	\$331	\$1000	\$152	\$50	\$284	\$4427	\$50	\$10231	\$900	\$1208	\$39	\$201	\$54	\$327	\$93	\$360	\$87	\$303	\$55	\$100	\$50	\$215	\$105	\$221	\$10	\$210	\$46	\$100	\$46	\$142	\$20					
Easton.	236	1430	21	50	1325	78	1776	21	550	1017	65	1036	15	2181	80	286	25	137	00	62	00	68	00	76	75	139	17	43	13	113	75					
Dover.	209	1195	00	87	86	173	37	1159	52	1242	52	1242	52	1242	52	1242	52	1242	52	1242	52	1242	52	1242	52	1242	52	1242	52	1242	52	1242	52			
Salisbury.	149	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00				
Total this year.	925	5399	50	187	4867	45	6116	17	3053	35	4362	35	5895	81	3623	37	5674	33	5916	73	3937	36	8867	00	908	19	585	39	237	89	766	76	145	68	472	46
Total last year.	978	5919	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Increase.	53	520	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

*Asbury contributed for Missions, \$613.

ALPHABETICAL ROLL OF MEMBERS.

WITH THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

[The letters designate the present relation. P., Probationers; D., Deacons; E., Elders; Sp, Supernumerary; S., Superannuated. The figures in the first column indicate the time of admission on trial. Those in the last column the year of appointment.]

1872	Adams, R. H.	E.	St. Michael's, Talbot Co., Md.	2
1877	Atkins, E. C.	D.	Camden Kent Co., Del.	1
1864	Aldred, E. P.	E.	Cecilton, Cecil Co., Md.	3
1841	Allen, John.	Sp.	Newark, New Jersey.	.....
1877	Andrew, Lewis E.	D.	Denton, Caroline Co., Md.	1
1870	Arters, J. A.	E.	Hopewell, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1877	Avery, Walter E.	D.	Rockland, New Castle Co., Del.	2
1870	Ayers, T. O.	E.	Crisfield, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1870	Bain, Wm. I.	E.	Fairmount, Somerset Co., Md.	3
1835	Barton, Geo.	Sp.	Church Hill, Queen Anne, Co., Md.	.....
1859	Bell, T. E.	E.	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md.	1
1876	Barrett, L. E.	D.	Red Lion, New Castle Co., Del.	2
1876	Bowen, W. L. P.	D.	Fruitland, Wicomico Co., Md.	2
1876	Brewington, J. McK.	D.	Queenstown, Q. Anne Co., Md.	1
1860	Browne, N. M.	E.	Port Deposit, Cecil Co., Md.	1
1865	Burke, Geo. W.	E.	Broad Creek, Kent Co., Md.	2
1843	Brindle, James A.	E.	Greensboro, Caroline Co., Md.	3
1857	Bryan, James E.	E.	Galena, Kent Co., Md.	2
1845	Caldwell, J. H., D. D.	E.	305 West 7th st., Wil., Del.	2
1865	Carroll, Jas.	E.	Galestown, Dorchester Co., Md.	2
1876	Chandler, Albert.	D.	Parsonsburg, Wicomico Co., Md.	1
1828	Colclazer, Henry.	E.	Seaford, Sussex Co., Del.	2
1876	Collins, J. M.	D.	Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.	1
1862	Conaway, Geo. S.	E.	Lincoln, Sussex Co., Del.	2
1868	Conner, James.	E.	Quantico, Wicomico Co., Md.	3
1835	Cooper, I. T.	Sp.	Camden, Kent Co., De!	.....
1876	Corkran, W. F.	D.	Frederica, Kent Co., Del.	2
1873	Creamer, T. R.	E.	Deal's Island, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1854	Dare, Joseph.	E.	Roxana, Sussex Co., Del.	2
1860	Davis, A. D.	E.	Zion, Cecil Co., Md.	1
1869	Davis, Edward.	E.	Christiana, New Castle, Co. Del.	1
1869	Davis, Wm. P.	E.	Dover, Kent Co., Del.	2
187.	Duhadway, W. J.	E.	Onancock, Va.	3
1876	Dodd, Julius.	P.	Federalsburg, Caroline Co., Md.	1
184	England, W. E.	E.	Lewes, Sussex Co., Del.	3
1896	Esgate, James.	Sp.	Boston, Mass.	.....
1859	Fisher, A. A.	S.	Federalsburg, Caroline Co., Md.	.....
1873	Foreman, I. N.	E.	Leipsic, Kent Co., Del.	2
1868	Fosnocht, I. G.	E.	Church Hill, Q. Anne's Co., Md.	1
1856	France, John.	E.	Newark, New Castle Co., Del.	1

1859	Gardner, S. T.	E.	Delmar, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1859	Gray, Valentine	E.	Millsboro, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1873	Green, Wm. M.	E.	Lewisville, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1857	Gregg, Wm. B.	E.	Booth's Corner, Delaware Co., Pa.	1
	Gassner, G. S.	E.	Ellendale, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1879	Grice, Chas. A.	P.	Harrington, Kent Co., Del.	1
1851	Hammersley, J. W.	E.	Georgetown, Sussex Co., Del.	2
1871	Harding, Thos. H.	E.	Sharptown, Wicomico Co., Md.	2
1848	Haynes, Thos. H.	E.	Smyrna, Kent Co., Del.	2
1845	Hill, Chas.	E.	Smyrna, Kent Co., Del.	4
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	D.	St. Michael's, Talbot Co., Md.	2
1848	Hough, John	E.	Smyrna, Kent Co., Del.	4
1833	Houston, J. L.	S.	900 Delaware av., Wil., Del.	
1859	Hubbard, Jas.	Sp.	Laurel, Sussex Co., Del.	
1869	Hunter, T. B.	E.	Cherry Hill, Cecil Co., Md.	2
1868	Hutchin, Wm. H.	E.	Odessa, New Castle Co., Del.	1
1859	Hynson, E. H.	E.	Gumboro, Sussex Co., Del.	2
1878	Hill, Chas. A.	P.	Princes Anne, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1878	Hubbard, E. L.	D.	Church Creek, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
1870	Jewell, Isaac	E.	Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.	2
1872	Jones, R. C.	E.	Bridgeville, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1872	Kemp, J. D.	E.	Chesapeake City, Cecil Co., Md.	3
1869	Kidney, J. E.	E.	E. New Market, Dor. Co., Md.	1
1850	Killiam, T. B.	E.	Rising Sun, Cecil Co., Md.	1
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E.	Chesapeake City, Cecil Co., Md.	1
1879	Lindale, J. M.	P.	Bridgeville, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1876	Macnichol, E. C.	E.	Charlestown, Cecil Co., Md.	1
1858	Mann, J. B.	E.	603 Jefferson st., Wilmington Del.	3
1864	Martindale, T. E.	E.	Middletown, New Castle Co., Del.	3
1840	Matlack, L. C., D. D.	E.	603 W. 4th st., Wilmington, Del.	1
1868	McFarlane, W. R.	E.	Marydel, Caroline Co., Md.	2
1872	McIntire, D. W. C.	Sp.	Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J.	
1873	McSorley, F. C.	E.	Hillsboro, Caroline Co., Md.	2
1873	McQuay, Newton	E.	North East, Cecil Co., Md.	2
1859	Merrill, Wm. B.	Sp.	Fairmount, Somerset Co., Md.	
1853	Merritt, J. B.	E.	Still Pond, Kent Co., Md.	1
1843	Milby, A. W.	E.	Harrington, Kent Co., Del.	3
1834	Miller, E.	Sp.	Sudlersville, Q. Anne Co., Md.	
1869	Miller E. H.	E.	Easton, Talbot Co., Md.	2
1876	Mowbray, John E.	D.	Frederica, Kent Co., Del.	2
1872	Murray, W. L. S.	E.	North East, Cecil Co., Md.	2
1870	Nelson, E. H.	E.	Frankford, Sussex Co., Del.	2
1866	Newnam, E. B.	E.	Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.	1
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	D.	Chincoteague Island, Va.	1
1859	O'Neil, Wm. J.	E.	Millington Kent Co., Md.	1
1864	Pegg, C. M.	E.	813 Lombard st, Wil., Del.	3
1853	Phœbus, Geo. A., D. D.	E.	Laurel, Sussex Co., Del.	1
1836	Pierson, John W.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1

1870	Prettyman, C. W.	E.	Centreville, Q. Anne's Co., Md.	3
1868	Pool, J. W.	E.	Deal's Island	3
1874	Prettyman, T. J.	E.	Stockton, Worcester Co., Md.	1
1836	Price, B. F.	E.	Delaware City, Del.	2
1850	Quigg, J. B.	E.	Milford, Del.	1
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	E.	Smyrna, Kent Co., Del.	2
1858	Redman, W. W.	E.	Wyoming, Kent Co., Del.	1
1863	Ridgway, D. C.	E.	New Castle, Co., Del.	1
1867	Rigg, J. D.	E.	Newport, New Castle Co., Del.	1
1867	Robinson, Joseph	E.	Felton, Kent Co., Del.	1
1873	Roe, Robert	E.	Pocomoke City, Wor. Co., Md.	1
1878	Robinson, W. S.	D.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1845	Sanderson, H.	Sp.	Wilmington, Del.	
1858	Scott, A. T.	E.	East 4th St., Wilmington. Del.	
1859	Sheppard, C. F.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1869	Shilling, John	E.	Blackbird, New Castle Co., Del.	2
1872	Smith, John E.	E.	Denton, Caroline Co., Md.	3
1840	Smith Vaughan	E.	Elkton, Cecil Co., Md.	1
1879	Stengle, Adam	E.	Crisfield, Somerset Co., Md.	3
	Stevenson, W. J., D.D.	E.	Delaware Ave., Wilmington, Del.	3
1862	Sypherd, J. O.	E.	St. George's, New Castle Co., Del.	1
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	P.	Hopewell, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1879	Alfred Smith	P.	E. New Market, Dor. Co., Md.	1
1833	Taft, J. L.	Sp.	Norristown, Pa.	
1857	Talbot, W. F.	E.	Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1876	Terry, Thomas E.	D.	Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Md.	2
1858	Thompson, H. S.	E.	Camden, Kent Co., Del.	1
1853	Todd, R. W.	E.	Milton, Sussex Co., Del.	3
1860	Tomkinson, T. L.	E.	Easton, Talbot Co., Md.	3
1876	Townsend, Geo. W.	D.	Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.	1
1832	Urie, William	E.	Smyrna, Kent Co., Del.	1
1859	Van Burkalow, J. T.	E.	Sudlersville, Q. Anne Co., Md.	1
1848	Walton, Wm. B.	E.	Federalsburg, Caroline Co., Md.	2
1853	Warner, Wm M.	E.	Trappe, Talbot Co., Md.	2
1840	Way, E. J.	S.	53 E. Broadway, Baltimore, Md.	
1866	White, E. E.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1872	Wilcox, G. W.	E.	Berlin, Worcester Co., Md.	3
1868	Williams, J. M.	E.	6th and French Wilmington, Del.	
1857	Williams, T. S.	E.	Salisbury, Wicomico, Co, Md.	1
1857	Williams, T. J.	Sp.	Georgetown, Sussex Co., Del.	
1869	Wilson, John A. B.	E.	222 Walnut St., Wilmington, Del.	2
1877	Wilson, W. W. W.	D.	Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Md.	1
1878	Willey, J. H.	D.	Townsend, New Castle Co., Del.	2
1879	Walton, Olin S.	P.	Sudlersville, Queen Anne Co., Md.	1

LOCAL PREACHERS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

The figures indicate the date of license. The letters indicate the present relation. The last column indicates the Post Office.

	L.	Booth, M. A., M. D.	.....	New Port, Del.			
1877	L.	Bosee, Alfred	.....	Chesapeake City, Cecil Co., Md.			
1866	L.	Brickley, W.	.....	Zion, Cecil Co., Md.			
1871	L.	Carter, C. R., M. D.	.....	Cherry Hill, Cecil Co., Md.			
1855	L.	Cann, J.	.....	Lewisville, Chester, Pa.			
	L.	Dodd, D.	.....	Wilmington, New Castle Co., Del.			
		Ford, John	.....	North East, Cecil Co., Md.			
		Frier, Thomas	.....	Cherry Hill, " " "			
1866	D.	Green, Daniel	.....	Newport, New Castle, Del.			
1871	L.	Grant, J. W.	.....	Cherry Hill, Cecil Co., Md.			
		Garrett, Levi	.....	Wilmington, New Castle Co., Del.			
	L.	Hendrickson, H. W.	.....	Stanton, New Castle Co., Del.			
		Hanna, C. D. J.	.....	Port Deposit, Cecil Co., Md.			
1874	L.	Hodson, J.	.....	Wilmington, New Castle Co., Del.			
1828	L.	Jenness, Levi	.....	Woodlawn, Cecil Co., Md.			
1862	L.	Kershaw, W.	.....	Elkton, " " "			
		Kane, W. J.	.....	Summit, New Castle Co., Del.			
1866	E.	Logan, S.	.....	Charlestown, New Castle, Co., Del.			
	L.	Miller, Joseph	.....	Mechanicsville, " " " "			
	L.	Miller, T. W.	.....	" " " " "		
	D.	Mulford, R.	.....	Summit, " " " "			
1866	L.	McLaughlan, J. F.	.....	Wilmington, " " " "			
1862	L.	Mendinhall, Eli	.....	" " " " "		
		Moore, Charles	.....	" " " " "		
		McCoy, J. H.	.....	Glasgow, " " " "			
1859	E.	Plummer, T. F.	.....	Wilmington, " " " "			
1876	L.	Rodgers, R. L.	.....	" " " " "		
1855	E.	Simmons, John	.....	" " " " "		
1876	L.	Sentman, C. H.	.....	" " " " "		
		Smith, W. H.	.....	McClellandville, " " " "			
		Smith, Robert	.....	Rockland, " " " "			
	L.	Scott, J. T.	.....	New Castle, " " " "			
		Tull, W. T.	.....	Wilmington, " " " "			
		Taylor, W.	.....	" " " " "		
		Thatcher, A.	.....	" " " " "		
		Todd, L. E.	.....	" " " " "		
1871	L.	Vanhorn, W.	.....	" " " " "		
		Wilson, John	.....	" " " " "		
		White, John	.....	" " " " "		
1878	L.	White, W.	.....	" " " " "		
		Wright, A. J.	.....	" " " " "		
	L.	Weldon, G. W.	.....	" " " " "		
		Williamson, J. F.	.....	Newark, " " " "			

EASTON DISTRICT.

1858	L.	Benson, E. T.	.....	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md.
	E.	Burton, F.	.....	Chestertown, Kent " "
		Baker, C. H.	.....	" " " " "
		Christopher, Isa	.....	Easton, Talbot " "
	L.	Carroll, J. G., M. D.	.....	Sassafras, Kent " "
1850	E.	Clark, J. M.	.....	Slaughters, " " Del.
1876	L.	Dunbracco, J. M.	.....	Crumpton, Queen Anne Co., Md.
	D.	Dill, J. R.	.....	Templeville, Queen Anne Co., Md.
	L.	Gudgeon, Alx.	.....	Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.
	D.	Genn, Nathan	.....	Greensboro, Caroline Co., Md.
	L.	Horney, J. E.	.....	Concord, " " "
1878	L.	Johnson, J. D.	.....	Smyrna, Kent Co., Del.
	L.	Jones, James	.....	Union Corner, Caroline Co., Md.
	D.	Kendall, James	.....	Fairlee " " " "
	D.	Leary, Geo	.....	Ediesville, Kent Co., Md.
1877	L.	McLean, R. D.	.....	Easton, Talbot " "
	L.	Morris, C. R.	.....	Sassafras, Kent Co., Md.
1846	D.	Numbers, Thomas	.....	Millington, " " " "
1847	L.	Price, D. A.	.....	" " " " "
1856	L.	Perkins, J. A.	.....	Chestertown Kent " "
	L.	Powell, Walter	.....	Denton, Caroline " "
	D.	Riday, C. S.	.....	Marydel, " " " "
	D.	Rich, J. H.	.....	Denton, " " " "
1865	D.	Smith, J. V.	.....	Smyrna, Kent " "
	L.	Ward, Robert	.....	Smithville, Caroline Co., Md.

DOVER DISTRICT.

		Bell, J. H.	.....	Galestown, Dorchester Co., Md.
	L.	Brace, G. V.	.....	Ellendale, Sussex Co., Del.
1867	E.	Bradley, R. D.	.....	Preston, Caroline Co., Md.
	L.	Betts, W. H.	.....	Millsboro, Sussex Co., Del.
	D.	Creamer, D.	.....	Drawbridge, Dorchester Co., Md.
	L.	Conaway, R. H.	.....	Harrison, " " " "
	L.	Clifton, G. W.	.....	Lincoln, Sussex Co., Del.
1870	L.	Cahoon, W. R.	.....	Dover, Kent " "
1877	L.	Corkran, P.	.....	" " " " "
1877	L.	Cochran, F. J.	.....	Madison, New Jersey.
1856	L.	Dawson, Ezekiel M. D.	.....	Frederica, Kent Co., Del.
	D.	Downham, John	.....	Canterbury, " " " "
1871	D.	Donoho, S. M.	.....	Bishops Head, Dorchester Co. Md.
1820	L.	Evans, W.	.....	Lewes, Sussex Co., Del.
1875	L.	Gullett, W.	.....	Little Creek, Kent Co., Del.
1877	L.	Guthrie, W. B.	.....	Dover, Kent Co., Del.
1833	D.	Hazzard, W.	.....	Seaford, Sussex Co., Del.
		Hudson, George	.....	" " " " "
	D.	Hudson, Jos. R.	.....	Millsboro, " " " "
1863	L.	Hall, Houstin	.....	Milton, " " " "
	D.	Harris, W.	.....	Bridgeville, " " " "
	E.	Hazzard, Robert	.....	Hurlock Station, Dorc. Co. Md.
1875	D.	Johnson, L. E., M. D.	.....	Woodlandtown, " " " "
	L.	Johnson, N. P.	.....	Millsboro, Sussex Co., Del.
1860	D.	Kenney, J. L.	.....	Federalsburg, Caroline Co., Md.
	L.	Lane, W. H.	.....	East Newmarket, Dorc. " "

- 1854 L. Minner, Samuel.....Felton, Kent Co., Del.
- L. Millman, Jesse.....Ellendale, Sussex Co., Del.
- 1879 L. Mobarary, A. S.....Fowling Creek, Caroline Co., Md.
- D. Morgan, W. W.....Concord, Sussex Co., Del.
- L. Morgan, S. M. Jr.....Middleford, " " "
- D. Price, R. J., M. D.....Vienna, Dorchester Co., Md.
- 1877 L. Pilchard, S. N.....Dover, Kent Co., Del.
- L. Packard, Edson.....Linkwood, Dorchester Co., Md.
- 1873 D. Prettyman, A. P.....Dover, Kent Co., Del.
- 1872 L. Roach, E. J.....Georgetown, Sussex Co., Del.
- L. Roop, S. A., M. D.....Seaford, " " "
- L. Sullivan, J. F.....Federalsburg, Caroline Co., Md.
- 1874 D. Simmons, Charles.....Harrington, Kent Co., Del.
- D. Wright, D. R.....Bethlehem, Caroline Co., Md.
- 1836 E. Williams, R. W. M., D.....Cornersville, Dorc. " " "

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

- 1862 L. Beauchamp, J.....Fairmount, Somerset Co., Md.
- 1861 D. Bowen, Z.....Mount Vernon, " " "
- L. Conner, J. W.....Cristfield, " " "
- 1846 L. Covington, G. W.....Pocomoke City, Worcester Co., Md.
- L. Conner, N. C.....Marion, Somerset Co., Md.
- L. Connelly, J. H.....Laurel, Sussex " " "
- 1877 L. Daniel, J. T.....Deals Island, Somerset Co., Md.
- 1864 D. Devreaux, Joseph.....Snow Hill, Worcester " " "
- 1878 L. Dill, Samuel P.....Lowe X Roads, Sussex " " "
- 1878 L. Dix, W. S.....Pocomoke City, Worcester Co., " "
- 1860 L. Foxwell, B. H.....Princes Anne, Somerset Co., Md.
- 1862 D. Hayman W. H.....Fruitland, Wicomico " " "
- L. Hitch, E.....Laurel, Sussex Co., Del.
- L. Hill, L. M.....Delmar, " " "
- L. Hodson, T. S.....Cristfield, Somerset Co., Md.
- L. Holland, W. H.....Marion, " " "
- 1877 L. Hopkins, G.....Monie, " " "
- 1858 L. Jones, Jeremiah.....Gumboro, Sussex Co., Del.
- 1871 L. Kenney, J. T.....Chincoteague, Accomac Co., Va.
- 1864 D. Lawson, Hance.....Cristfield, Somerset Co., Md.
- D. Leatherbury, P. A.....Onancock, Accomac " Va.
- D. Mann, Joseph H., M. D.....Sharptown, Wicomico, " Md.
- L. Passwaters, W. B.....Westover, Somerset " " "
- L. Robinson, John.....Sharptown, Wicomico " " "
- 1867 L. Reed, S. P.....Berlin, Worcester " " "
- 1856 E. Reed, J. T.....Frankford, Sussex " Del.
- 1858 L. Scott, J. H.....Mt. Vernon, Somerset " Md.
- 1871 L. Tindall, W. J.....Laurel, Sussex " Del.
- 1869 D. Tubbs, W. R.....Roxanna, " " "
- 1863 D. Tilghman, N. J.....Tyaskin, Wicomico " Md.
- L. Tyler, John.....Cristfield, Somerset " " "
- 1852 E. Webb, Samuel.....Fruitland, Wicomico " " "
- 1868 L. White, H. P.....Dames Quarter, Somerset, Co., Md.
- 1867 L. Wilson, Isaac.....Monie, " " "
- 1852 L. White, S. Q.....Salisbury, Wicomico " " "

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference,

FOR THE

PROMOTION OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MISSIONS,

IN ACCOUNT WITH GEORGE W. SPARKS, TREASURER.

NEW CASTLE, MARCH 19th, 1879.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Received from REV. JOHN D. RIGG,	Port Deposit,	\$174 75
" " " W. L. S. MURRAY,	North East,	135 00
" " " JOHN D. KEMP,	Chesapeake City,	50 00
" " " L. C. MATLACK, D. D.	Bethel,	80 00
" " " E. E. WHITE,	Brandywine,	38 25
" " " W. J. O'NEILL,	Rising Sun,	80 43
" " " C. F. SHEPPARD,	Mount Salem,	25 00
" " " A. D. DAVIS,	Mt. Pleasant & Claymont,	50 00
" " " W. E. AVERY,	Mt. Lebanon,	40 00
" " " J. A. B. WILSON,	Asbury, Wilmington,	613 00
" " " N. MCQUAY,	Elk Neck,	17 00
" " " T. B. HUNTER,	Cherry Hill,	65 00
" " " J. OWEN SYPHERD,	Zion,	101 00
" " " C. M. PEGG,	Scott, Wilmington,	75 25
" " " B. F. PRICE,	Delaware City,	28 00
" " " D. C. RIDGWAY,	Elkton,	238 00
" " " J. E. KIDNEY,	Christiana,	25 00
" " " L. W. LAYFIELD,	Charlestown,	20 00
" " " JOHN FRANCE,	St. Georges and Summit,	50 00
" " " LEWIS E. BARRETT,	R. Lion, Glasgow & Kirkwood,	61 00
" " " J. H. CALDWELL, D.D.	St. Paul's, Wilmington,	529 00
" " " J. B. MANN,	Union, Wilmington,	363 83
" " " T. B. KILLIAM,	Chester,	40 00
" " " GEO. A. PHOEBUS, D.D.	Newark,	63 00
" " " W. J. STEVENSON, D.D.	Grace, Wilmington,	1200 00
" " " G. R. BRISTOR,	New Castle,	120 00
" " " J. B. QUIGG, P. E.	Bal. from Miss. meeting,	8 17
" " " HENRY S. THOMPSON,	Newport,	53 00

\$4343 68

EASTON DISTRICT.

Received from REV. E. P. ALDRED,	Cecilton and St. Paul's,	\$86 00
" " " F. C. MCSORLEY,	Hillsboro,	25 00
" " " J. M. COLLINS,	Royal Oak,	30 00
" " " ISAAC JEWELL,	Kent Circuit,	90 00
" " " J. HESTON WILLEY,	Townsend,	22 00
" " " E. H. MILLER,	King's Creek,	20 00
" " " R. H. ADAMS,	St. Michael's	110 00
" " " W. H. HUTCHIN,	Chestertown,	130 00
" " " T. J. WILLIAMS,	Millington,	72 86
" " " P. H. RAWLINS,	Smyrna Circuit,	46 60
" " " E. DAVIS,	Church Hill,	24 00
" " " T. L. TOMKINSON,	Easton,	112 00
" " " THOS. E. BELL,	Queenstown,	21 00
" " " E. L. HOFFECKER,	Talbot Circuit,	15 00
" " " T. E. MARTINDALE,	Middletown,	317 21
" " " J. E. BRYAN,	Galena,	70 00
" " " J. EDWARD SMITH,	Denton Circuit,	45 00
" " " W. B. GREGG,	Sudlersville,	70 00
" " " E. BEVERLY NEWNAM,	Still Pond,	140 00
" " " WM. WARNER,	Trappe,	10 00
" " " J. B. MERRITT,	Odessa,	165 40
" " " J. A. BRINDLE,	Greensboro,	75 00
" " " T. H. HAYNES,	Smyrna,	303 00
" " " G. W. BURKE,	Kent Island,	24 25
" " " C. W. PRETTYMAN,	Centreville,	107 00
" " " J. SHILLING,	Appoquinimink,	25 00

\$2156 32

DOVER DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. THOMAS E. TERRY,	Beckwith and Spedden's,	\$ 40 00
" " " WILLIAM P. DAVIS,	Dover,	400 00
" " " D. W. C. MCINTIRE,	Wyoming,	36 00
" " " J. P. OTIS,	Cambridge,	70 00
" " " ALBERT CHANDLER,	Woodlandtown,	12 00
" " " VAUGHAN SMITH,	Milford,	106 29
" " " W. F. COCHRAN,	Barratt's & Milford Neck,	45 00
" " " J. W. HAMMERSLEY,	Georgetown,	27 00
" " " ROBERT W. TODD,	Milton,	38 50
" " " I. N. FOREMAN,	Leipsic and Raymond's,	40 00
" " " W. W. REDMAN,	Millsboro,	6 00
" " " J. E. MOWBRAY,	Frederica,	130 00
" " " W. E. ENGLAND,	Lewes,	64 11
" " " G. S. CONAWAY,	Lincoln,	17 85
" " " W. M. GREEN,	Church Creek,	10 50
" " " W. F. TALBOT,	Camden,	53 00
" " " A. W. MILBY,	Harrington,	100 00
" " " J. T. VAN BURKALOW,	Bridgeville,	303 00
" " " W. B. WALTON,	Federalsburg,	70 00
" " " VALENTINE GRAY,	Ellendale,	17 26
" " " H. COLCLAZER,	Seaford,	26 00
" " " JAMES CARROLL,	Galestown,	39 10
" " " J. W. PIERSON,	Felton,	20 00
" " " JOS. ROBINSON,	Dorchester,	55 00
" " " W. R. MCFARLANE,	Marydel,	28 00

\$1754 61

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. JOHN W. POOLE,	Holland's Island,	\$ 20 00
" " " E. H. NELSON,	Frankford,	60 00
" " " W. I. BAIN,	Fairmount,	180 00
" " " T. R. CREAMER,	Delmar,	44 62
" " " W. L. P. BOWEN,	Fruitland,	30 00
" " " T. H. HARDING,	Sharptown,	12 00
" " " ROBERT ROE,	Lewisville,	20 00
" " " G. W. TOWNSEND,	Asbury,	40 00
" " " J. A. ARTERS,	Deal's Island,	46 00
" " " JOSEPH DARE,	Roxana,	40 00
" " " W. W. W. WILSON,	Salisbury,	50 00
" " " JAMES CONNER,	Quantico,	60 00
" " " T. J. PRETTYMAN,	Parsonsburg,	21 00
" " " GEORGE W. WILCOX,	Berlin,	20 00
" " " R. C. JONES,	Princess Anne,	75 00
" " " E. H. HYNSON,	Gumboro,	30 50
" " " S. T. GARDNER,	Annamessex,	50 00
" " " C. H. WILLIAMS,	Chincoteague,	23 40
" " " A. STENGLE,	Crisfield,	16 00
" " " T. O. AYERS,	Newtown & Stockton,	15 00
" " " S. P. DILL,	Bethesda,	75
" " " I. G. FOSNOCHT,	Snow Hill,	57 00
" " " T. S. WILLIAMS,	Laurel,	50 00
" " " W. J. DUHADWAY,	Accomac,	70 00

\$1031 27

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Asbury, Wilmington—John A. B. Wilson, Pastor.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Morning Session	\$119 69
Afternoon Session	285 63
Infant School.....	39 68
Total for Sunday Schools.....	
Congregation.....	\$445 00
	168 00
Total for Asbury Charge.....	
	\$613 00

St. Paul's Church, Wilmington—J. H. Caldwell, Pastor.

From Sunday School	\$302 00
From Church.....	227 00
Total.....	
	\$429 00

Scott M. E. Church—C. M. Pegg, Pastor.

Collection.....	\$70 25
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Brandywine Church—E. E. White, Pastor.

Church.....	\$3 25
Sunday School.....	33 00
Total.....	
	\$38 25

Mount Salem Station—C. F. Sheppard, Pastor.

Owing to recent destruction of Church by fire, Missionary collection merely nominal.

Church and Sunday School	\$22 00
Miss Mary Ingram's Class—Riddle's Chapel.....	3 00
Total.....	
	\$25 00

Grace Church—W. J. Stevenson, Pastor.

Church collection.....	\$394 21
Sunday School.....	805 79
Total.....	
	\$1200 00

New Castle—George R. Bristol, Pastor.

From Sunday Schools.....	\$120 00
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Red Lion, Kirkwood and Glasgow—Louis E. Barrett, Pastor.

RED LION.

Church.....	\$36 25
Sunday School.....	6 00

Total from Red Lion

\$42 25

GLASGOW.

Church.....	\$18 75
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Total from Circuit.....

\$61 00

St. George's and Summit—Jno. France, Pastor.

Collection in Sunday School.....	\$37 50
“ “ Church.....	12 50

Total.....

\$50 00

Delaware City—B. F. Price, Pastor.

Congregation.....	\$15 00
Sabbath School.....	13 00

Total.....

\$28 00

Bethel—L. C. Matlack, Pastor.

Church.....	\$73 00
Sunday School.....	7 00

Total.....

\$80 00

Mt. Lebanon—W. E. Avery, Pastor.

Church.....	\$30 00
Sabbath School.....	10 00

Total.....

\$40 00

Elkton M. E. Church—D. C. Ridgway, Pastor.

John Chamberlain.....	\$5 00	M. E. Buchanan.....	\$1 00	A. E. Shockley.....	\$50
Jas. Merry and wife.....	4 00	Ann Hewitt.....	1 00	S. Alexander.....	50
W. J. Jones.....	5 00	John N. Davis and wife.....	75	M. Pluck.....	50
George Herbst.....	2 00	S. R. Thompson.....	50	S. Pluck.....	1 00
Daniel Harvey.....	2 00	M. E. Aldrich.....	50	A. Stanley.....	1 00
Lucy Litzenburg.....	2 00	W. J. Aldrich.....	50	Clara Davis.....	50
J. S. Terrell.....	1 00	S. M. Witworth.....	50	Joseph E. Johnson.....	50
Wm. Torbert.....	1 00	Mary Biddle.....	50	Plates.....	14 40
Catherine Johns.....	1 00	A. C. Morgan.....	50	Total collection.....	\$57 15
S. N. Scott.....	1 50	J. B. Sullivan.....	50	Small sums.....	5 88
M. V. George.....	1 00	J. Hinchcliff.....	50	Total from Church.....	\$63 03
M. J. Alexander.....	1 00	M. Pierson.....	50		
B. Brock.....	1 00	W. O. Gilmour.....	50		
Mrs. E. Frazer.....	1 00	E. Hinchcliff.....	50		
Dr. J. H. Frazer.....	1 00	R. M. Walmsley.....	50		

FROM HOME SABBATH SCHOOL.

J. M. Bronson's Class.....	\$21 30	L. Walmsley's ".....	\$4 26
F. A. Ellis' ".....	14 75	Mrs. W. J. Jones' ".....	4 20
C. C. Wright's ".....	1 25	“ W. J. Jones' ".....	6 10
F. Shockley's ".....	3 53	Infant ".....	7 50
S. J. Key's ".....	6 05	Total for Home School.....	\$136 97
H. Vinsinger's ".....	5 50	West Amwell Mission School.....	30 00
Miss J. Torbert's ".....	17 12	Crouch's Chapel Mission School.....	8 00
“ E. Lort's ".....	4 50	Total from Sunday School.....	\$174 97
“ S. Strickland's ".....	7 50	Amount from Church.....	63 03
Mrs. F. A. Ellis' ".....	18 00	Total for Elkton.....	\$238 00
Miss A. Lort's ".....	6 00		
“ M. Terrell's ".....	2 85		
“ M. Walmsley's ".....	6 50		

North East—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.

Collection in Church.....	\$65 00
“ “ Schools.....	70 00

Total.....

\$135 00

Elk Neck Circuit—N. McQuay, Pastor.

Hart's Sunday School.....	\$10 50
Wesley Chapel.....	6 50
Total.....	\$17 00

Port Deposit—J. D. Rigg, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 24 75
Church.....	150 00
Total.....	\$174 75

Rising Sun Circuit—W. J. O'Neill, Pastor.

Mount Pleasant.....	\$ 4 39
Rowlandville.....	10 00
Hopewell.....	25 00
Rising Sun Sunday School.....	15 28
" " Congregation.....	25 76
Total for Circuit.....	\$80 43

Zion Charge—J. Owen Sypherd, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$44 00
Sabbath Schools.....	57 00
Total.....	\$101 00

Cherry Hill, Wilmington District—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 5 00
Sunday Schools.....	60 00
Total.....	\$65 00

Mt. Pleasant and Claymont—A. D. Davis, Pastor.

Amount collected.....	\$50 00
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Christiana—J. Elmer Kidney, Pastor.

Christiana M. E. Church.....	\$11 88
Ebenezer.....	10 50
Salem.....	5 05
Total from Circuit.....	\$27 43
Less expenses.....	2 43
Net.....	\$25 00

Charlestown—L. Layfield, Pastor.

Church collection.....	\$20 00
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EASTON DISTRICT.

Middletown—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.

M. D. Wilson and family, \$24 00	Richard Rosin..... \$1 00	Ann Crumpton..... \$ 50
Hon. H. Davis and wife, 5 00	Mary E. Degan..... 1 00	J. L. Crouch and wife..... 50
Hon. B. T. Biggs, 5 00	Mary A. Gauslinger..... 1 00	H. R. Walker..... 50
James Jarrell, 5 00	Kate E. Roberts..... 1 00	A. W. Walker..... 50
Catharine Merritt, 5 00	Cash..... 1 00	Cash..... 50
John Hancock, 5 00	Lizzie Clayton..... 1 00	M. E. Cummings..... 50
Mark H. Davis and wife, 5 00	Fanny Clayton..... 1 00	Cash..... 50
Mrs. L. A. Wilson, 5 00	J. J. Brown..... 1 00	A. R. P..... 50
S. B. Ginn, 5 00	W. J. H. Lingo..... 1 00	Cash..... 50
Dr. F. Godwin, 5 00	T. E. Hurn..... 1 00	Bell Watson..... 50
A. M. Vail, 5 00	Charles Smith..... 1 00	D. M. Shockley..... 50
Mrs. Mary Vail, 3 00	T. Massey, Jr..... 1 00	Susan Price..... 30
James Culbertson, 3 00	G. W. Ingram..... 1 00	Mrs. Lee..... 25
N. Burris, 3 00	Mrs. W. Wilson..... 1 00	Margie Bailey..... 25
Mrs. M. E. Clayton, 3 00	Mrs. J. Kilpatrick..... 1 00	A. E. Roberts..... 25
W. H. Moore and wife, 2 50	Richard Price..... 1 00	Eliza French..... 25
Harry Riley, 2 00	M. Walker..... 1 00	Collection..... 2 75
Harry Eliason, 2 00	Dr. R. McKee..... 1 00	
Cash..... 1 55	J. B. King..... 60	Total..... \$122 00

SABBATH SCHOOL.

Class.	Teacher.	Amount.
1. "Bible Students,"	Pastor.....	\$ 32 24
2. "Always Something,"	Mrs. Cox.....	30 00
3. "Little Pilgrims,"	Miss Emma Merritt.....	17 37
4. "Tendrils,"	Miss Anna Cox.....	16 00
5. "Rock of Ages,"	Mrs. Martindale.....	13 64
6. "Wesley Boys,"	Thos. Massey, Jr.....	7 39
7. "Heathens' Friend,"	J. M. Cox.....	8 61
8. "Cheerful Givers,"	Miss Lou. Cox.....	5 52
9. "Helping Hands,"	Mrs. Moore.....	6 64
10. "Wayside Gleaners,"	Miss Cannon.....	5 28
11. "Sparkling Rubies,"	Miss Mary Merritt.....	5 10
12. "Morning Star,"	W. H. Moore.....	4 39
13. "Young Disciples,"	W. W. Wilson.....	3 60
14. "Little Reapers,"	Mrs. Price.....	4 19
15. "Seekers after Truth,"	Miss Clara Vail.....	4 17
16. "Golden Chain,"	Mrs. Gulbertson.....	3 71
17. "Little Gleaners,"	W. T. Kane.....	3 73
18. "Buds of Promise,"	Mrs. Drennan.....	3 02
19. "Bereans,"	Miss Lidie Hum.....	2 91
20. "Bright Jewels,"	W. J. H. Lingo.....	2 39
21. "Young Watchmen,"	M. B. Burns.....	2 55
22. "Little Workers,"	P. D. Riley.....	1 90
23. "Buds by the Wayside,"	Mrs. Riley.....	1 46
24. "Dew Drops,"	Primary Department.....	9 65
Total from School.....		\$195 46
" " Church.....		122 00
Expenses.....		\$317 46
		25
Total.....		\$317 21

Smyrna—T. H. Haynes, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 89 00
School.....	214 00
Total.....	\$303 00

Smyrna Circuit—P. H. Rawlins, Pastor.

Bethel Congregation.....	\$16 70
" " Sunday School.....	14 00
Severson Congregation.....	7 00
Kental Congregation.....	2 75
Central Congregation.....	6 15
Total from Smyrna Circuit.....	\$46 60

To constitute Belle Stockwell, Lucy Short, Elma Kennedy, and Mary E. McClary, life members of Wilmington Conference Missionary Society.

Townsend—J. Heston Willey, Pastor.

From Church.....	\$ 2 00
From Sabbath School.....	20 00
Total.....	\$22 00

Kent Circuit—J. Jewell, Pastor.

BOND CHAPEL.

Sunday School.....	\$42 00
Congregation.....	10 00
Total.....	\$52 00

ROCK HALL.

Sunday School.....	\$20 00
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SALEM.

Congregation.....	\$8 00
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HYNSON'S.

Congregation.....\$6 00

PINEY NECK.

Congregation.....\$1 50

WALTON.

Congregation.....\$1 50

Total.....\$90 00

Royal Oak—J. M. Collins, Pastor.

From Church.....\$23 50

" School.....6 50

Total.....\$30 00

St. Michael's—R. H. Adams, Pastor.

Congregation and Sunday School.....\$110 00

Talbot Circuit—Edmund L. Hoffecker, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....\$15 00

Trappe—W. M. Warner, Pastor.

Collection.....\$10 00

Hillsboro'—F. C. McSorly, Pastor.

From Sunday School.....\$10 00

Congregation.....15 00

Total.....\$25 00

Greensboro' Circuit—J. A. Brindle, Pastor.

Sunday School.....\$53 48

Church.....21 52

Total.....\$75 00

Appoquinimink—J. Shilling, Pastor.

Union.....\$5 00

Friendship.....20 00

Total from Appoquinimink.....\$25 00

Cecilton and St. Paul's—E. P. Aldred, Pastor.

Church.....\$63 57

Sabbath School.....22 43

Total.....\$86 00

Galena Charge—J. E. Bryan, Pastor.

Chesterville.....\$17 00

Locust Grove.....10 00

Sassafras.....10 00

Galena Church.....23 00

" School.....10 00

Total.....\$70 00

Millington Circuit—T. J. Williams, Pastor.

From Church.....\$50 00

From Sunday School.....22 86

Total.....\$70 86

Sudlersville Circuit—W. B. Gregg, Pastor.

Whole amount received.....\$70 00

To make Wm. H. Casho a life member of the Wilmington Conference Missionary Society.

Chestertown Charge—W. H. Hutchin, Pastor.

Church.....\$55 00

Sunday School.....75 00

Total.....\$130 00

Centreville—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Centreville.....\$80 00

Ebenezer.....20 00

Corsica Mission.....7 00

Total.....\$107 00

Church Hill Circuit—E. Davis, Pastor.

CHURCH HILL—W. Walraven, Collector.....\$9 77

UNION—T. Tucker, Collector.....8 50

SPANIARD'S NECK—D. L. Knight, Collector.....4 36

SALEM—Public Collection.....1 37

Total.....\$24 00

Queenstown—T. E. Bell, Pastor.

Perry's Corner.....\$10 00

Simper's.....7 00

Queenstown.....4 00

Total.....\$21 00

Kent Island—G. W. Burke, Pastor.

Sunday School.....\$24 25

Easton Station—T. L. Tomkinson, Pastor.

From Church.....\$13 00

" Sunday School.....99 00

Total.....\$112 00

King's Creek—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

King's Creek.....\$13 00

St. Paul's.....2 00

Miles River.....3 00

Chapel.....2 00

Total.....\$20 00

Denton Circuit—J. E. Smith, Pastor.

Collection.....\$45 00

Odessa—J. B. Merritt, Pastor.

Congregation.....\$67 00

Sunday School.....98 40

Total.....\$165 40

Marydel Circuit—Wm. R. McFarlane, Pastor.

Marydel.....\$21 37

Templeville.....3 00

Thomas' Chapel.....2 00

Hawkin's Chapel.....1 63

Whole amount.....\$28 00

Still Pond—E. Beverly Newnam, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$96 62
Church.....	43 38
Total.....	\$140 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Dover—Wm. P. Davis, Pastor.

Mrs. Rev. Wm. P. Davis.....	\$10 00	Rev. Wm. R. Cahoon.....	\$ 2 00	Prof. J. R. Freley.....	\$ 1 00
Hon. N. B. Smithers.....	10 00	Asa C. Johnson.....	2 00	Thomas Saulsbury.....	1 00
Dr. Isaac Jump.....	5 00	Mrs. James Y. Stewart.....	2 00	Mrs. R. H. Burns.....	1 00
Prof. R. H. Skinner.....	5 00	Walter Butler.....	2 00	Lizzie M. Cranor.....	1 00
Rev. A. R. Bender.....	5 00	B. Frank Davis.....	2 00	James Coady.....	1 00
Mrs. Geo. P. Fisher.....	5 00	Lewis Geiser.....	2 00	Thomas Gooden.....	1 00
William Dyer.....	5 00	Mrs. Frank Dunn.....	2 00	James H. Peterson.....	1 00
C. M. Wharton.....	5 00	Clayton Wetherby.....	1 00	S. N. Thomas.....	1 00
Mrs. Ellen Baynard.....	5 00	S. F. Collison.....	1 00	Mrs. W. L. Cannon.....	1 00
Samuel D. McGonigal.....	3 00	J. W. Hopkins.....	1 00	Miss Kate Killen.....	1 00
Severn Taylor.....	3 00	Miss Susie Jarrell.....	1 00	Willie H. Hobson.....	1 00
Robert H. Lewis.....	3 00	Mrs. Dr. Lewis.....	1 00	Wm. R. Cahoon, Jr.....	1 50
P. H. T. Wyatt.....	2 50	Judd Crean.....	1 00	Smaller amounts.....	21 39
J. W. Casson and wife.....	2 50	Miss Jennie Wilson.....	1 00	Total from Congregation.....	\$126 89
Philip Burnett.....	2 00	Miss Watson.....	1 00		

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Rev. W. F. Corkran's Class.....	\$21 75	Mrs. Ella Cannon's Class.....	\$ 4 46
Albert Cowgill's.....	21 70	Mrs. A. Cowgill's.....	4 35
Mrs. E. B. Louderbough's.....	14 00	A. J. Taylor's.....	3 81
Mrs. W. L. Cannon's.....	13 50	Mr McGonigal's.....	3 35
Rev. C. W. Green's.....	10 75	Mrs. T. K. Jones'.....	4 39
Mrs. C. E. Fean's.....	10 63	Mrs. M. Smith's.....	2 85
Wm Wallace's.....	10 50	Miss Lillie Register's.....	2 35
John H. Bateman's.....	10 00	Mrs. L. Hazel's.....	2 25
Miss Hattie Cannon's.....	8 50	Miss Mary Cannon's.....	2 08
F. H. Burgess'.....	8 25	P. H. T. Wyatt's.....	2 00
Mrs. L. Benn's.....	6 15	Miss Lizzie Harper's.....	1 75
Miss M. E. Saulsbury's.....	6 05	C. P. Crouch's.....	1 05
Prof. Swan's.....	6 00	Miss Gertie Stevenson's.....	89
T. J. Stevenson's.....	8 14		
James S. Moore's.....	5 71		222 61
E. M. Stevenson's.....	5 30	Infant Sunday School.....	50 50
Miss Saliie Mansfield's.....	5 70		
James Walcott, Esq.'s.....	5 00	Total from Sunday Schools.....	\$273 11
Dr. Ed Lewis'.....	5 00	Total from the church and S. S.....	400 00
Mrs. Wm. C. Fountain's.....	4 50		

Leipsic and Raymond's—I. N. Foreman, Pastor.

Total from Charge.....	\$40.00
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Camden Circuit—W. F. Talbot, Pastor.

Little Creek.....	\$ 6 10
Canterbury.....	8 20
Sunday School.....	5 10
Magnolia.....	13 55
Camden.....	19 80
Total from Charge.....	\$52 75

Wyoming Circuit—D. W. C. McIntire, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....	\$36 00
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Felton—J. W. Pierson, Pastor.

From Churches.....	\$15 00
“ Sunday Schools.....	5 00
Total from Charge.....	\$20 00

Frederica—J. E. Mowbray, Pastor.

From Sunday School.....	\$73 50
“ Church.....	56 50
Total from Charge.....	\$130 00

Barret's Chapel and Milford Neck—W. F. Corkran, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....	\$45 00
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Milford—Vaughan Smith, Pastor.

From Church.....	\$42 06
“ Chapel Sunday School.....	4 23
“ Avenue Sunday School.....	60 00
Total from Charge.....	\$106 29

Harrington Circuit—A. W. Milby, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....	\$100 00
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Lincoln Circuit—G. S. Conaway, Pastor.

Miss Annie Bennett, collector.....	\$6 35	Zion.....	60
“ Etta Watson.....	5 00		
Cedar Neck—Mollie Pierce, collector.....	3 50	Total from Circuit.....	\$17 85
Lincoln—Miss Mira Stout.....	2 40		

To make Miss Annie Bennett a life member of the Wilmington Conference Missionary Society.

Georgetown—J. W. Hammersley, Pastor.

For Missions.....	\$27 00
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Milton—R. W. Todd, Pastor.

Amount from public collection.....	\$ 4 65
“ contributed by Sunday School.....	33 85
Total.....	\$38 50

Lewes—W. E. England, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....	\$64 11
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Millsboro' Circuit—W. W. Redman, Pastor.

Amount raised.....	\$6 00
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Bridgeville Circuit—J. T. Vanburkalow and C. A. Hill, Pastors.

Trinity.....	\$163 00	Middleford.....	\$ 20 00
Bridgeville.....	29 00	Little's.....	5 00
Bethel.....	28 00	Chaplain's.....	1 00
Concord.....	25 00		
St. Johnstown.....	22 00	Total.....	\$303 00

Seaford—H. Colclazer, Pastor.

Congregation.....	\$19 42
Sunday School.....	6 58
Total from charge.....	\$26 00

Federalsburg—W. B. Walton, Pastor.

Missionary collection.....	\$70 00
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Galestown—James Carroll, Pastor.

Wesley Church.....	\$ 9 35
Sunday School.....	1 00
Cokesbury.....	10 20
Wheatley's Ch.....	8 40
Galestown Ch.....	10 15
Total.....	\$39 10

Cambridge—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Church.....	\$40 00
Sunday School.....	30 00
Total.....	\$70 00

Beckwith's and Spedden's—T. E. Terry, Pastor.

Beckwith's Congregation.....	\$26 00
Spedden's.....	15 00
Total.....	\$40 00

Church Creek—Wm. M. Green, Pastor.

Congregation.....	\$8 35
Sunday School.....	2 15
Total.....	\$10 50

Woodlandtown Circuit—A. Chandler, Pastor.

Missionary collection from Church.....	\$12 00
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SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Salisbury—W. W. W. Wilson, Pastor.

Sabbath School.....	\$50 00
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Fruitland—W. L. P. Bowen, Pastor.

Fruitland Church.....	\$8 20
Zion.....	4 80
Siloam.....	7 00
Ebenezer.....	10 00
Total.....	\$30 00

Delmar—T. R. Creamer, Pastor.

Delmar S. School.....	\$39 00
Hepburn's.....	3 77
Mt. Pleasant.....	1 85
Total.....	\$44 62

Laurel—T. S. Williams, Pastor.

Church.....	\$12 00
S. School.....	38 00
Total.....	\$50 00

Lewisville—R. Roe, Pastor.

Church and S. School.....	\$20 00
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Parsonsborg—T. J. Prettyman, Pastor.

S. School and Church.....	\$21 00
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Bethesda—S. P. Dill, Pastor.

S. School and Church.....	75 cts
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Gumboro—E. H. Hynson, Pastor.

Line Church.....	\$12 00
Line S. School.....	2 00
Bethel.....	7 50
Jones.....	6 50
Melson's.....	2 50
Total.....	\$30 50

Frankford—E. H. Nelson, Pastor.

SALEM CHURCH.

Mrs. Harrison.....	\$ 50	M. E. McCabe.....	\$ 50
George Campbell.....	50	W. R. McCabe.....	50
Ell ha McCabe.....	50	Smaller Sums.....	3 43
Charles Mumford.....	50		
		S S. CLASSES.	\$6 43

Spectacle.....	\$1 53	Our Boys.....	25	Little Pilgrims.....	86
Life Workers.....	2 49	Pioneers.....	85	Total.....	13 42
Youthful Pilgrims.....	2 57	Try Class.....	1 00	Less expenses.....	2 13
Promptly at Nine.....	54	Always Present.....	14		
Always Something.....	25	S. S. Workers.....	1 00		
Youthful Bereans.....	75	Buds of Promise.....	1 19	Total from Salem.....	\$17 72

FRANKFORD CHURCH.

E. H. Nelson and family.....	\$5 00	M. V. Long.....	50	Rev. J. T. Reed and family.....	1 50
A. R. Walls.....	1 00	Albert H. Morris.....	50	J. J. Derrickson.....	50
S. B. Hitch.....	1 00	J. T. Long.....	50	S. School.....	5 10
H. McClary.....	1 00	L. A. Long.....	50	Smaller sums.....	8 16
W. W. Truitt.....	50	John E. Harmon.....	50	Total from Frankford.....	\$28 26
Annie Veasey.....	50	Mary M. Harmon.....	50		
Dr. F. M. Gum.....	50	S. J. Dodd.....	50		

ST. GEORGES' CHURCH.

Ebe. Towesend.....	\$1 00	J. Phillips.....	50
Peter Townsend.....	75	Smaller Sums.....	70
Patty Townsend.....	50	S. School.....	5 49
J. O. Townsend.....	50		
John Steel.....	50	Total from St. Georges'.....	10 44
Thomas R. Steel.....	50		\$10 44

HOUSTON'S CHURCH.

Missionary Collections.....	\$3 58
Total from Frankford Circuit.....	\$60 00

Roxana—J. Dare, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$30 00
S. Schools.....	10 00
Total.....	\$40 00

Berlin—G. W. Wilcox, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....	\$20 00
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Snow Hill—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.

Snow Hill.....	\$18 00
Snow Hill S. School.....	16 50
Connor's.....	14 05
Girdletree Hill.....	3 85
Bowen's Chapel.....	5 00
Total.....	57 40
Less expenses.....	40
Total.....	\$57 00

To make Miss Eva Conner a Life Member of the Conference Missionary Society.

Chincoteague—C. H. Williams, Pastor.

Church and School\$23 00

Newtown and Stockton—T. O. Ayers, Pastor.

From the Churches.....\$15 00

Accomac—W. J. Duhadway, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....\$70 00

Crisfield—A. Stengle, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....\$16 00

Asbury—Geo. W. Townsend, Pastor.

Church.....\$40 00

Annessex—S. T. Gardner, Pastor.

Church.....\$50 00

Fairmount—W. I. Bain, Pastor.

FAIRMOUNT CHURCH.

R. H. Jones.....\$10 00	R. T. Miles and Wife.....6 00	Dr. E. S. Miles.....1 00
John H. Hood.....5 00	Wm. E. Muir.....1 00	H. H. Chellon.....1 00
Robbie Bain.....5 00	Henry Davey.....5 00	Cash.....9 00
Josiah Aubry.....1 00	Thomas Parks.....1 00	
Robert Maddox.....1 00	Wm. M. Ruark.....1 00	
		\$47 00

FAIRMOUNT SABBATH SCHOOL.

Class.	Teacher.	Amount.
Mizpah.....	Rev. Wm. Merrill.....	\$14 16
Kingsley.....	Rev. W. I. Bain.....	21 05
Travelers to Zion.....	R. H. Jones.....	9 58
Emanuel.....	L. H. Miles.....	9 59
Robert Rakes.....	S. L. Hall.....	4 75
Advance.....	John Hall.....	1 72
Little Workers.....	D. W. Miles.....	6 48
Busy Bees.....	Miss L. Maddox.....	22 45
Pearl Gatherers.....	Miss S. E. Miles.....	2 80
Bright Jewels.....	Mrs. Merrill.....	4 51
Bereans.....	Mrs. L. Maddox.....	2 32
Earnest Workers.....	Miss L. Hall.....	2 55
Golden Rule.....	W. E. Parks.....	1 33
Fairmount.....	Mrs. Bain.....	1 39
Band of Hope.....	P. J. Miles.....	4 59
Aurora.....	Mrs. M. C. Hall.....	1 65
Little Gleaners.....		10 08
		\$121 00

UNION CHURCH.

S. Beauchamp.....\$1 00
Cash.....11 00

Total.....\$12 00
Total from Fairmount Charge...\$180 00

Princess Anne—R. C. Jones, Pastor.

PRINCESS ANNE CHURCH.

S. M. Crockett.....\$2 00
W. J. Griffith.....1 00
May J. Leach.....1 00
Nora Hayman.....1 00
A. Harford.....1 00
G. W. Cantwell.....1 00
D. P. Clark.....1 00
Pastor and Family.....7 00
Smaller sums.....9 41
S. S. Infant Class.....50

Total.....\$24 91

DAMES' QUARTER CHURCH.

Rev. H. C. White.....\$3 00
Eliza Crowell.....1 50
Df. D. Jones and wife.....1 00
Smaller sums.....8 05
Total.....\$13 55

JOHN WESLEY CHURCH.

Anna E. Overton, Collector.....\$5 05
Jennie Borbon.....3 00
Total.....\$8 05

ASBURY CHURCH.

E. E. Simpkins and Eveline Causey, Collectors.....\$5 62

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

A. C. Smith.....\$2 00
J. J. Parks.....1 00
Isaac Wilson.....1 00
Smaller sums.....90
Total.....\$14 62

Rock Creek Church.....\$4 25
Bethel.....1 00

Total from Princess Anne Circuit.....\$72 00

Deal's Island—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....\$46 00

Holland's Island—John W. Poole, Pastor.

Sabbath School.....\$20 00

Quantico—J. Connor, Pastor.

MASSEY'S CHURCH.....\$24 00
To make N. J. Tilghman a Life Member of the Parent Missionary Society.

JANES' CHURCH.....\$26 00
To make Frank Turner a Life Member of Parent Missionary Society.

QUANTICO CHURCH.....\$10 00
To make Mr. Evans a Life Member of Conference Missionary Society.

Total from Quantico.....\$60 00

Sharptown—T. H. Harding, Pastor.

Sharptown Sabbath School.....\$5 17
From the Churches.....6 83

Total.....\$12 00

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